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INDIA ESTABLISHES BILATERAL AIR BUBBLES WITH U.S., FRANCE

International flight operations are all set to resume under exclusive agreements with countries like the US and France

FLIGHTS TO GERMANY, U.K. TO START SOON

Air France will operate 28 flights between Paris and Delhi, Mumbai and Bengaluru from July 18, while American carrier United Airlines will fly 18 flights to India from July 17. This arrangement is till July 31, but could be extended. Civil Aviation Minister Hardeep Singh Puri said on Thursday a similar arrangement will be made soon with Germany and the UK

CAP ON DOMESTIC AIR FARE TO STAY

- From India, Air India will operate flights to the US and France
- The Civil Aviation Minister also said the cap on domestic air fare is likely to be extended beyond August 24 due to low demand
- So far, more than 6.8 lakh Indians stranded abroad have been evacuated under the repatriation exercise Vande Bharat Mission

80,000

PEOPLE HAVE FLOWN OUT OF INDIA SINCE THE COVID-19 OUTBREAK

CHENNAI • MADURAI • VIJAYAWADA • BENGALURU • KOCHI • HYDERABAD • VISAKHAPATNAM • COIMBATORE • KOZHIKODE • THIRUVANANTHAPURAM • BELAGAVI • BHUBANESWAR • SHIVAMOGGA • MANGALURU • TIRUPATI • TIRUCHY • TIRUNELVELI • SAMBALPUR • HUBBALLI • DHARMAPURI • KOTTAYAM • KANNUR • VILLUPURAM • KOLLAM • WARANGAL • TADEPALLIGUDEM • NAGAPATTINAM • THRISSUR • KALABURAGI

COVID CASES IN STATE SPIKE BY 4,169 IN JUST ONE DAY

19,729 Total Recoveries till Thursday

1,032 Total Deaths

Bengaluru Urban reports a whopping 2,344 cases in a single day

- For the first time, the daily fatality count in state crosses 100
- BBMP Commissioner's PA tests +ve, but commissioner not to undergo home quarantine or get tested as his PA was on sick leave
- 45 locations with reported cases in Belagavi sealed
- Hubballi-Dharwad Municipal Corporation forms task force for awareness
- Hassan district authority sets up new Covid Care Centre P4

KARNATAKA BREACHES 50K-MARK

Bengaluru has over 25k Covid-19 cases; Ministers review facilities in hospitals, Covid Care Centres

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KARNATAKA and its capital Bengaluru broke several records in a single day, sending the State Government scurrying to salvage the Covid-19 situation from spinning out of control.

The state witnessed the highest-ever daily spike of a whopping 4,169 positive cases, with Bengaluru alone accounting for 2,344 of these on Thursday. The state now ranks No. 4 in the country having the highest number of Covid-19 cases, and at No. 3 with the highest number of active cases after Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu.

In one big leap, the state crossed the 50,000-mark to reach 51,422 from its overnight tally of 47,253. Bengaluru, on its own crossed the 25,000-mark with a tally of 25,288 cases while recording the death toll at 507. Karnataka's toll on Thursday crossed the 1,000-mark with a total 1,032 deaths, although the mortality rate is at 2 per cent. The state, also for the first time, recorded over a hundred deaths in a single day at 104, of which Bengaluru recorded the highest at 70.

The worrisome trend in the state's Covid management strategy is the consistently dropping recovery rate — from 41.94 per cent on July 5 to 38.36 per cent on July 16 — and the steadily rising positivity rate (3.32 per cent to 5.55 per cent in the same period).

With this scenario staring them in the face, ministers in charge of the Covid fight in the state capital got cracking on Thursday, ahead of their meeting with Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa on Friday, to review measures taken to contain the virus and ensure proper treatment to patients.

In what appeared to be a coordinated effort to identify and address shortcomings in the system, the ministers visited Covid Care Centres (CCC), designated hospitals, and held a series of meetings with officials and private hospital managements.

While Deputy CM Dr C N Ashwath Narayan pulled up officials at the largest CCC on the Agricultural University GKVK Campus for overall mismanagement, Medical Education Minister Dr K Sudhakar was furious at officials at the C V Raman Nagar hospital for not following guidelines.

Ministers R Ashok, V Somanna and S T Somashekar too were in the thick of action, holding meetings with officials. MORE REPORTS: P4

With the lockdown curbs in force, traffic police stop motorists to check for violations on Mysuru Road in Bengaluru on Thursday | VINOD KUMAR T

A WORRYING SCENARIO

Thirty of the 70 people who died in Bengaluru on Thursday had no comorbidities, although most of the casualties were SARI, ILI cases with fever, cough and breathlessness. Dakshina Kannada saw the second highest number of new patients with 238 cases, followed by Dharwad with 176, Vijayapura with 144, Mysuru with 130, Kalaburagi with 123, Udupi with 113 and Raichur with 101 cases. Dakshina Kannada also saw the second highest number of deaths at seven.

Raj Cong potboiler shifts to court, Pilot says notice illegal

RAJESH ASNANI & RICHA SHARMA @Jaipur/New Delhi

Debate rages again over Speakers' powers

The debate over Speakers' powers under the Constitution to look at pleas seeking disqualification of MLAs has been ignited again after the Rajasthan Assembly Speaker issued notices to 19 lawmakers.

CHANCES of a rapprochement between warring Congress factions in the state flew out of the window on Thursday after the rebels, led by Sachin Pilot, challenged in the Rajasthan High Court the disqualification notices issued to 19 of them by Assembly Speaker C P Joshi.

Harish Salve and Mukul Rohatgi represented the rebels, while the party fielded Abhishek Manu Singhvi. Salve called the notice unconstitutional and sought time to amend his petition. Heeding his request for a two-member bench, hearing was put off till Friday. It gave the rebels some breathing space, as the notice had sought their replies by Friday noon.

Salve basically argued that the Speaker does not have the authority to take any action on activities outside the Assembly.

Prateek Srivastava, one of the lawyers from the Speaker's side, said, "The rebel MLAs are challenging the notice on a lot of grounds. One, that the Speaker does not have the power to issue such notice. Also, they claim the Speaker has not given sufficient time. As per Vidhan Sabha rules of 1989, it has to be seven days. They say this shows malice. They have pleaded that that the anti-defection clause 10(2)(1)A is per se illegal."

The whole game appears to be to disqualify rebel MLAs to bring down the majority mark (now 101) for Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot to win the floor test. If the rebels avoid disqualification and Pilot is able to wean away a few more MLAs, the government could be in real danger. Gehlot has a razor-thin majority — just 106. As for the party high command, it is learnt to be angry with Pilot for dragging the matter to court. P9

Pinarayi finally axes his tainted close confidant

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@T'Puram

AFTER resisting demands for stern action against his former principal secretary **M Sivasankar** for almost a week, Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan finally yielded to political pressure on Thursday and suspended the IAS officer for his alleged links with the accused in the sensational gold smuggling case.

Sivasankar, the biggest power centre in the government till about two weeks ago, was considered a close confidant of the CM. According to sources, the CM was hellbent on protecting his most trusted lieutenant, who was also the IT Secretary, but finally relented as his party, the CPM and other Left allies, felt that the issue was tarnishing the state government's image.

Sivasankar was suspended for violation of the code of conduct, as per the All India Service Rules. The decision was taken on the recommendations by a panel comprising Chief Secretary Vishwas Mehta and Additional Chief Secretary Finance R K Singh.

Before this departmental action, Sivasankar was only asked to go on a long leave.

The CS-led panel felt there was lack of caution on the part of the official in the appointment of Swapna Suresh, an accused in the smuggling scam. It also asked the state government to check all appointments to the IT Department.

However, Opposition UDF said it will continue with its demand for the CM's resignation.

Meanwhile, Rashed Khamis Ali Musaiqri Alshemeili, admin attache of the UAE Consulate in Thiruvananthapuram, has left the country. According to sources, Rashed, the second-in-command in the UAE's diplomatic mission in Thiruvananthapuram, flew to Delhi from Thiruvananthapuram on Sunday and reported at the UAE Embassy there. Later, on Tuesday, he flew home. The sources added that Rashed might have given explanation directly to the top diplomats at UAE's Delhi mission during the day.

PAK FOUL PLAY

UNIMPEDED ACCESS TO JADHAV NOT PROVIDED, SAYS MEA

PUSHKAR BANAKAR @New Delhi

INDIA on Thursday hit out at Pakistan for not providing unimpeded consular access to Kulbhushan Jadhav and said that the Indian national was visibly stressed.

According to Ministry of External Affairs spokesperson Anurag Srivastava, Pakistani officials were present in close proximity to Jadhav in an intimidating demeanour, despite protests from the Indian side. Besides, the conversation with Jadhav was being recorded.

"The arrangements did not permit a free conversation between them. The Indian consular officers could not engage Jadhav on his legal rights and were prevented from obtaining his written consent for arranging his legal representation," Srivastava said.

Jadhav, a former Indian Navy officer, was sentenced to death by a Pakistani military court on charges of "espionage and terrorism" in April 2017. While Pakistan claims he was arrested from Balochistan, India maintains that he ran a business in Iran and Pakistani agencies abducted him from Chabahar.

Pakistan recently said Jadhav has refused to file a review plea against his death sentence by a Pakistani military court as he wanted to rely on his mercy petition, a claim rejected by India.

"The Pakistan side conveyed that they were ready to organise consular access on July 16. We were assured that this consular access would be unimpeded, unhindered and unconditional. However, neither the environment nor the arrangements of the meeting were in accordance with the assurances of Pakistan," said Srivastava.

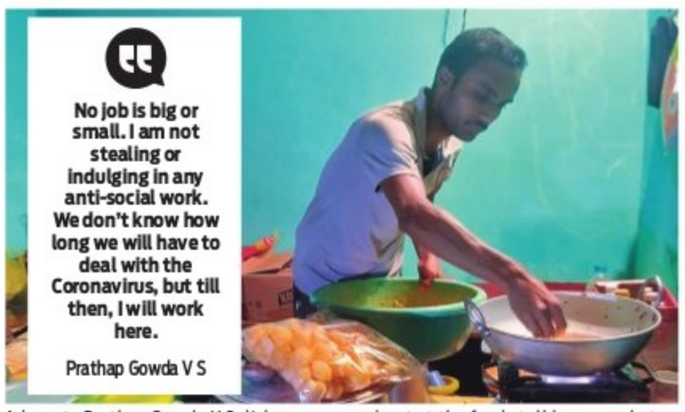
EXPRESS READ

Address me as 'Sir' and not 'My Lord', says Calcutta HC CJ

Kolkata: Calcutta High Court Chief Justice TBN Radhakrishnan on Thursday stated that he would want to be addressed as 'Sir' by all judiciary officers in Bengal and Andaman, instead 'My Lord' or 'Lordship', as was the practice so far.

Subhadramma Mansur, noted theatre artiste, dies at 81

Bengaluru: Eminent theatre personality and vocalist Dr Subhadramma Mansur passed away on Wednesday night. She was 81, and is survived by two sons and a daughter. The family said she developed respiratory problems, following which she was rushed to hospital, but died en route.


No job is big or small. I am not stealing or indulging in any anti-social work. We don't know how long we will have to deal with the Coronavirus, but till then, I will work here.
Prathap Gowda V S

Advocate Prathap Gowda V S dishes up some chaat at the food stall he opened at his native village, Valagerehalli, in Maddur taluk of Mandya district | EXPRESS

Lawyer chucks gown, dishes up paani puri

ASHWINI M SRIPAD @Bengaluru

HE had set his sights on entering the courtroom in a black gown and for that, he worked in a dairy, in hotels and other places while he studied law. For the last six years, he was working under a senior advocate in Bengaluru. But with courts remaining shut during the Covid-induced lockdown and with no cases before them, he had almost hit a dead end. But not the one to be discouraged, the young lawyer is now dishing up some 'chatpata' fare like paani puri and masala puri at his native village.

Prathap Gowda V S (30), a native of Valagerehalli in Maddur taluk of Mandya district, had been practising law under a senior high court advocate after completing his BA-LLB course, taking up both civil and criminal cases. "I returned to my village in March as courts were shut and only a few cases were being taken up daily online, which left me with no work. For the first two months, I did nothing. I spent time chatting with friends and meeting people. But then, I realised that the situation will not change any time soon and I have to fend for my family," he said.

Prathap got married last year and the couple have a one-month-old girl child. He realised that he could not make any earnings with his law practice, but wanted some work. "I was hesitant to ask anyone for a job as they may make fun of my education," he said. "I neither have any farm land nor property. All we have is my parental house in the village," he added.

What came to his rescue were the cooking skills he had picked up during his bachelor days. CONTINUED ON: P7

BREAKING NEW GROUND

Vision more important, says visually impaired Bokaro DC

MUKESH RANJAN @Ranchi

AN IAS officer getting posted as a deputy commissioner (DC) is no big deal, but it surely is if the person happens to be visually impaired. Jharkhand just broke new ground in inclusiveness by promoting Rajesh Kumar Singh to that post in Bokaro.

Just how rare such appointments are can be gauged from the fact that he is the first in the state and second visually impaired officer ever in India to occupy the position of a deputy commissioner. The first such appointment was made in Madhya Pradesh in 2014.

Reacting to the challenging assignment, Rajesh sought to use word play in Hindi to put his point across. The *drishtikon* (vision) is more important than *drishti* (eyesight), he emphasised.

"Everyone has eyesight, but very few know how to use it. Vision comes from experience, your inner being and the way you perceive things. Therefore, what you hear is more important rather than merely looking at things without understanding them," said the 2007 batch officer. Vision is a wider term that is more relevant for nation-building, he added.

Even to get his first posting, Rajesh had to wage a long legal battle against the Centre, which went right up to the Supreme Court. The first posting came in 2011, after the SC ruled in his favour.

Before his Bokaro assignment, Rajesh was posted as Special Secretary in the School Education and Literacy Department.

He thanked Chief Minister Hemant Soren and Chief Secretary of Jharkhand for taking the bold decision amid the coronavirus pandemic. Bokaro is also due to face a by-election soon, he added.

Though it took a lot of time for getting his first posting as also the DC's position, Rajesh is not grumpy. "In the first case, there was a sense of success, while in the second case, there is opportunity. Both are important for me," he said.

He lost eyesight while playing cricket at a very early age, but never lost hope.

My way of appreciating things is different. Definitely there is struggle in schooling, education, accessibility for the visually impaired, but all of us are struggling somewhere - Rajesh Kumar Singh

DISENGAGMENT PROCESS IN LADAKH 'INTRICATE': ARMY

China and India are committed to "complete disengagement" and the process is "intricate", needing "constant verification", the Army has said | P9

WITH THIS ISSUE CITY'S BEST WEEKEND GUIDE INDULGE 30 PAGES, INCLUDING 16 OF INDULGE (TABLOID)

ALMANAC TODAY
• **Friday** 17/07/2020 • **Year:** Sarvari • **Ayana :** Uttharayana • **Ritu:** Greeshma
• **Masa:** Ashada • **Paksha:** Krishna • **Tithi:** Dwadashi 10.25 pm • **Nakshatra:** Rohini 7.21 pm
• Moon in Mithuna Rashi • **Rahukaala:** 10:30 am to 12:00pm
• **Gulikakala:** 07:30 am to 09:00 am • **Yamaganda:** 01:30 pm to 03:00 pm

WEATHER WATCH
MIN 21°C | MAX 26°C
FORECAST
A few tstorms. Mostly cloudy

Sunrise 6.01 am
Sunset 6.49 pm
Moonrise 2.47 am
Moonset 3.52 pm

Two youths cross a street in Malleswaram, Bengaluru, as heavy rain lashed the city on Thursday. Till 5.30 pm, the city had received 8.4 mm rain | ARUNIMA A.

It is going to be a wet five days, alert along coast

IMD Bengaluru Director says a trough in east Arabian Sea intensifying the monsoon

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IT is time to stay indoors, not just because the lockdown has been enforced in most districts of Karnataka and Covid-19 cases are rising, but also because the India Meteorological Department (IMD) has forecast heavy rainfall across the state for the next five days.

The weatherman has also issued an orange and yellow alert for most districts of Karnataka, especially along the coast, and Dakshina Kannada. A warning for fishermen has also been issued.

Police officials managing people violating the lockdown norms, said the rainfall was a blessing in disguise as it kept many people indoors.

IMD Bengaluru Director C S Patil said a trough in east Arabian Sea is intensifying the monsoon across the state. He said widespread rain will occur over north interior Karnataka, there will be isolated heavy rainfall over Uttara Kannada and Dakshina Kannada, and coastal districts and south interior Karnataka will experience widespread rainfall.

Patil added that Bengaluru will continue to experience light to moderate rainfall for the next five days. The cloud cover and rainfall will bring down temperatures.

Up to 5.30 pm, Bengaluru had received 8.4 mm, Kempegowda International Airport recorded 5.8mm and HAL airport received 10 mm rainfall. The city received 10.8 mm rainfall and HAL airport received 11.6 mm rainfall.

However, the rainfall and chilly weather only increased the worry of health and medical professionals. They state that with this, the number of those suffering from lung-related infections and problems will rise. They have warned children below 10, above 60 and those with comorbidities, especially breathing problems and respiratory ailments, to stay home. Health department officials added that this weather would make them more vulnerable to the Covid-19 virus, and increase the number of cases. They assert that people should stay indoors, especially when a lockdown has been enforced.

Night-long ordeal: Private hospitals turn away another pregnant woman

S LALITHA @Bengaluru

A 27-year-old pregnant woman and her family went through a nightmarish ordeal on Wednesday night to get admission for her delivery. Kausar Banu finally got admitted in Vani Vilas Hospital and delivered a baby boy on Thursday.

Volunteers of NGO Mercy Mission were up all night trying to get hospitals to admit her.

The family resides in Chandra Layout and are not well off. The woman's husband, mother and brother went in an auto and a two-wheeler knocking on the doors of various hospitals.

Talking about the experience, Fathaheen Misbah, an engineer and NGO volunteer, said, "The woman's water broke at 1 am on Thursday. She did not want to get admitted at the private hospital on Queen's Road, which is a Covid Care Centre now. So she took help of the NGO and they tried to get her admitted to a private hospital on Ballari Road. They had a bed, but said they did not have a natal ICU — essential for a caesarean delivery."

Banu delivered a healthy male baby at Vani Vilas hospital on Thursday

Misbah, also a member of the Karnataka's Covid-19 Task Force, then got through to a private hospital in the CBD. But the hospital allegedly demanded an exorbitant admission fee. "They wanted ₹85,000 to be paid for admission as she would be treated as a Covid-19 suspect. The Ayushman Bharat card was not accepted and they insisted on only private insurance payment," Misbah said.

The family then went to another private hospital in Koramangala. "The hospital insisted on getting a permission letter from BBMP to take her in at 3 am. We called up the 1912 number for help, but in vain," she said.

The family finally reached Vani Vilas at 4.30 am. "The woman delivered a boy through normal delivery at 8.30 am and both mother and baby are fine now. The hospital did not charge," Misbah added.

BBMP Commissioner B H Anil Kumar, expressing concern over the incident, said, "There is no permission letter for such cases. It is unfortunate that a pregnant woman was denied admission." He added that BBMP maternity hospitals are functioning 24x7 and the family could have got admission in any of them.

CORONA PATIENTS

Volunteers raise funds for oxygen cylinders to help migrant workers

PREEJA PRASAD @Bengaluru

EVEN though many Covid patients suffer from breathlessness, there is a shortage of oxygen cylinders in Bengaluru. However, some volunteers, who have been helping migrant workers who require beds as well as oxygen cylinders, has started fundraising to purchase more oxygen cylinders.

Saqib Idrees, who started the team said, "At least 60-70 percent of the cases I have observed, have symptoms of breathlessness. Since there is a shortage of beds, many of them are travelling from each hospital just to find one. But instead, we can provide them with oxygen cylinders which will help till there is a bed available or get their Covid report," he told TNIE.

The team has raised Rs 1 lakh within 12 hours and is hoping to raise Rs 4 lakh in total. "A 47-litre cylinder costs more than Rs 10,000. We are also looking at purchasing an ambulance which will help patients get to the hospital in time," Saqib said.

Currently, the team has been in contact with several doctors to get suspected Covid patients to use oxymeters and test their oxygen level.

The team had to start a token system wherein the cylinders are provided on first-come-first-serve basis.

Those who wish to contribute can contact 9148950554 or 8050926443.

EXPRESS READ

AAI, BEL sign MoU to work together in civil aviation industry

The Airports Authority of India has entered into an Memorandum of Understanding with Navratna Defence PSU Bharat Electronics Limited. AAI will render assistance to BEL in its domain of expertise to enable execution of the prestigious MEA projects outside India by BEL. It was signed by Sanjai Kumar Singhal, General Manager (Business Development), AAI, and Manoj Kumar, Executive Director (National Marketing) and Regional Office-Delhi, BEL, at the AAI Corporate Headquarters. ENS

Slum dwellers voice concerns before govt

PEARL MARIA D'SOUZA
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"EVERYONE'S scared in our slum, and there is no healthcare facility that we can access. There is death every day," says Jansi Rani.

In Cheluvadipalya (ward 138), where she lives, she saw three deaths on Wednesday. And she does not know if they were Covid-19 related.

She says they are not able to access local clinics that are shut, or even the hospital nearby which claims it is meant for Covid-19 treatment alone.

The Slum Women's Association recently wrote to the government, seeking basic treatment to children, women and senior citizens. They fear that Covid-19 and other viral diseases may put their lives at risk as some eight to 10 members of a family live crammed in a 10*10 room. They have sought immediate intervention of the government in providing them adequate care.

In the letter, they said that government hospitals were not educating the women enough on postnatal care of the mother and child.

Their other demands include ensuring proper functioning of PHCs and private treatment centres treat all patients, irrespective of their background, for common diseases such as fever, cold and cough among others.

They also demanded continuous supply of generic medicines in dedicated outlets. Special care for pregnant women in government as well as private hospitals, operation of mobile health clinics in slums, supply of nutritious food at affordable prices for slum residents were among their other demands.

"We have long since lost faith in the public healthcare system, and used to visit small private clinics for minor illnesses. But these clinics closed ever since the number of cases rose in June," they say," Malarvizhi, program officer, at an NGO Actionaid, told TNIE.

BBMP, hotel owners tie up to run private Covid Care Centres

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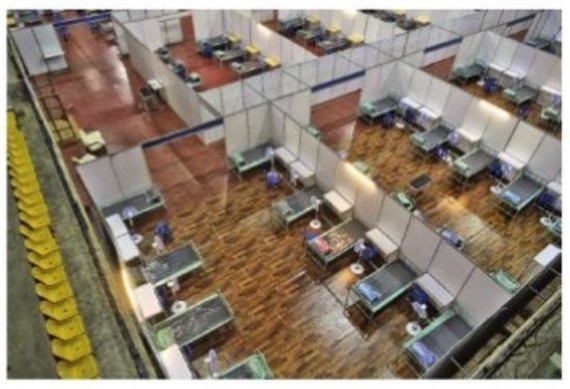
THE Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, health department officials, and nodal officers in charge of Covid, held a meeting with Bengaluru Hotels Owners' Association and Bengaluru Private Hospital and Nursing Homes Association, to collaborate and run private Covid Care Centres.

The officials present at the meeting told TNIE that there is a huge demand for private CCCs and this will supplement the government-run ones. "There is a demand from patients who are willing to pay and want to go for private CCCs. The government has also framed guidelines for running the private CCCs, as per SoP prescribed in the guidelines," the official said.

The participants demanded two days' time to decide on other formalities and requested the government's support in running various CCCs in the city.

The hotel owners welcomed this move and expect that soon more hospitals and hotels will come forward to start them. Right now, around 500 odd beds in different hotels have been arranged and are running as CCCs.

"Keeping the rising numbers in in mind, asymptomatic patients require isolation facility, so people prefer to stay away from homes and stay in CCCs," the official added.



Koramangala Indoor stadium in Bengaluru, has been turned into a Covid care Centre | EXPRESS

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

17th July: The current lunar pattern happens to offer a break with the past. So, here's an idea: if there's any commitment you want to abandon or get out of, today might be just the day to make your escape. You'd better check first to see if it's all OK, though - and please don't say I told you so!

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
This could be one of the trickiest periods of the year for you, so if you emerge happier and stronger, you will know that you have done extremely well indeed. At work it is all too easy to alienate employers, so be sure to listen to their advice and respect their views.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
Your burden has been increasing over the past couple of months, but not necessarily in an unpleasant manner. Your problems could be those borne of success, and any frustration could arise from the fact that your expectations are increasing, perhaps beyond the point where they can be met.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
A new fact could offer the missing link, providing the answer to a long-standing question. Do pay more attention to business connections, however small the amounts involved. Somewhere along the line, your ideas have parted company with a friend's, but it's important that you see eye-to-eye.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
It's impossible to tell whether affairs of the heart or professional hopes are most important, but what is certain is that your deeper emotional aspirations are now being buffeted by a cosmic squall. Hang on tight and seek reassurance wherever you can.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
When you're dealing with finances, property, or anything which connects your prosperity to others, you must realise that there can now be no quick fixes. It may be necessary to devote more of your energy to partners' interests than your own, but not for too long - hopefully!

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
You have been led a merry old dance by certain people. It's been fun, but it could be time to move on. Someone who once seemed so reliable has lost touch with circumstances and may no longer know what is needed. It's up to you to recreate harmonious conditions.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
There is no telling exactly what will happen now that other people have decided to go their own way, but if you have made your peace with authority you should be on a fairly safe path. All that can be said with certainty is that nothing is certain, so keep your options open!

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
A major alteration in the pattern of your working life could be the consequence of personal changes. You could also be pleasantly surprised by the results. A trip to your romantic past may also soon be accomplished, but don't wait around waiting for someone to get in touch. Take the initiative!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
Recent emotional situations have absorbed much time and energy and left you feeling somewhat drained. However, the real problems may be other people's rather than yours, so please extend sympathy and support wherever and whenever it is required.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
You're still in the midst of sensitive, delicate and vulnerable planetary aspects, so if you feel slightly wobbly it's only to be expected. However, all artists should produce their best work, lovers could be about to hit a new peak and mystics will be reaching a fresh high!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
Travel plans may have to be altered, mainly because your ideas are now changing, and some of the information on which you've been acting no longer seems to be valid. In love, it's now vital to talk about your feelings. If you don't tell other people what you want, then they can't be blamed for misunderstanding you.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
You're deep in a phase of romantic and financial extravagance, so it would be a shame indeed if you have to count your cash. This is one of those rare times when it looks as if happiness can be bought! Actually, you're also entering a secretive period, so you may be keeping certain intense feelings to yourself.

THE PHANTOM

HI AND LOIS

BEETLE BAILEY

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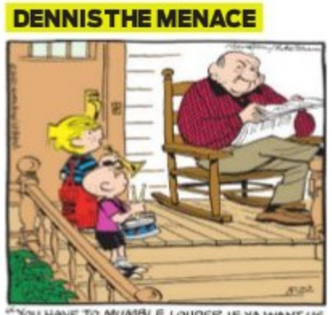
HAVE YOU HEARD THE ROWDY NEIGHBORS ACROSS THE STREET HAVE DECIDED NOT TO MOVE AFTER ALL?
I DIDN'T KNOW THEY WERE GOING TO MOVE
THEN I GUESS IT DOESN'T MATTER, SINCE THEY AREN'T MOVING ANYWAY
GREAT! NOW ALL I CAN THINK ABOUT IS HOW PEACEFUL IT WOULD'VE BEEN IF THEY'D MOVED
TRY NOT TO THINK ABOUT IT, DEAR

LOCKHORNS

"IT'S GOOD YOU TRIED WORKING ON SOMETHING TOGETHER... NEXT TIME DON'T MAKE IT FITTED SHEETS."

DENNIS THE MENACE



"YOU HAVE TO MUMBLE LOUDER IF YA WANT US TO KNOW WHAT YOU'RE SAYIN', MR. WILSON!"

Test your number crunching skill with our unique puzzle

SUDOKU

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MEDIUM

- Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.
- Each sudoku has a unique solution that can be reached logically without guessing.

Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle

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JUMBLE THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

CDNEU
CAKNK
OMUPID
CAFROT

Welcome back! You're looking good!
You look like you're back in shape.
I feel like myself again.
THE CIRCLE HAD BEEN SICK FOR A WHILE BUT WAS HAPPY TO BE ---

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: JOKER CRIMP POETRY TATTLE
Answer: The dogs learned to use tools so they could work on their — PET PROJECT

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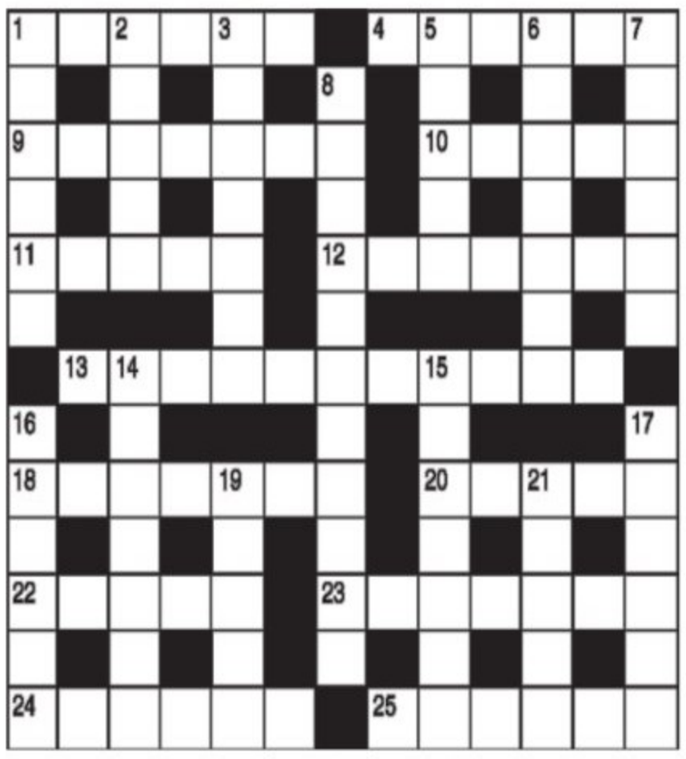
CROSS WORD



ACROSS

1 Steps up travel by air (6)
4 Rubbish heap containing the heads of faded flowers (6)
9 The last development in secrecy (7)
10 Long time getting a letter (5)
11 Insert a song (5)
12 The king gains friends and recovers (7)
13 He ought to be able to negotiate a big rise (11)
18 Wine cash bill is incorrect - fifty short (7)
20 Points to the girl to follow (5)
22 Regretting having to destroy a note (5)
23 Bring up a picture? (7)
24 Give fellow a note (6)
25 There's a change in a girl (6)

DOWN

1 Relic of old ship in protective wrapping (6)
2 Having no flaws though I have a lot (5)
3 Can holy orders be so calm and peaceful? (7)
5 Fifty idly knock up a poem (5)
6 Slight scrap in the queue (7)
7 He is unusually tense about mid-afternoon (6)
8 But a blunt question may incur it (5,6)
14 The speech goes on about proportion (7)
15 Unnecessary pointless sewing implements (7)
16 Awfully sacred? (6)
17 Remote sort of astronomical object (6)
19 It's quite lawful to run away (5)
21 A rash sort of girl (5)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Gas bill, 5 Muffs, 8 Trial and error, 9 Palma, 10 Rosette, 11 Echoes, 12 Shifts, 15 Publish, 17 Dream, 19 Standing order, 20 Discs, 21 Enthral.

Down: 1 Get-up, 2 Spill the beans, 3 Ill-fame, 4 Liners, 5 Meets, 6 First offender, 7 Servers, 11 Exposed, 13 Hideout, 14 Chance, 16 Indus, 18 Moral.

Bengaluru police seized 381 vehicles, including two-wheelers, cars and autorickshaws, since Wednesday for being driven out without any emergency reasons. However, the police yet to book them under NDMA Act

CM's TEAM OF 8 BUSY IN THEIR ZONES

In charge of one zone each in Covid fight, ministers to give their report card to BSY today

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
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AS Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa sits down with his 'team of eight' on Friday morning, he will be looking for their report card. They have been given charge of one zone each to bring the galloping numbers down. On Thursday, 2,344 cases and 70 deaths were reported in Bengaluru.

Bengaluru City has been divided into eight zones. Each zone has been assigned to eight ministers and political secretary to the CM.

The New Indian Express caught up with North Bengaluru in charge S R Vishwanath, CM's Political Secretary, who said his team is dealing with 38 containment zones and about 190 positive cases. He said there are 18 ambulances for this entire area and they would be getting more ambulances per ward and added that all drivers of the ambulances were being housed in a hostel to ensure their 24-hour availability.

"Efforts are on to get more beds over and above those in the facilities — 13 PHCs and 1 district hospital. We are assessing the spread of Covid-19 through house-to-house surveys and are dealing with it at booth level," he said.

Food minister K Gopalaiah, in charge of Dasarahalli, who *TNIE* spoke to, said he had been trying to tie up with all private hospitals and nursing homes to get more beds to accommodate the spiralling numbers. A few of them have agreed to set aside more beds, he said.

He said his area has 17 ambulances and two hearse vans and they are trying to get more. "Our doctors have been overworked; many are working without leave for the past four months," he said.

UDD minister B A Basavraju, in charge of Mahadevapura and adjoining areas, said that they had set up a command centre in a school to monitor the area which is spread over 17 wards and 11 village panchayats.

They have requested for 50 per cent of the beds from the private hospitals to deal with the spike in numbers of positive symptomatic cases. In addition, they have set up a 450-bed facility tying up with three institutions and a 500-bed facility at a police quarters, he said.

Suresh Kumar is in charge of deep South Bommanhalli while DCM C N Ashwathnarayan is in charge of Bengaluru West. The other ministers who are in charge of the remaining zones are Revenue Minister R Ashok, Housing Minister V Somanna and Cooperation Minister S T Somashekar.

All eight zones are under pressure to arrest the super spread of the virus and get more ambulances for speedy movement of patients, better coordination and more beds to accommodate sick patients.

With the week-long lockdown enforced in Bengaluru Urban and Rural districts from Tuesday night, the usually bustling KR Market lies desolate and bereft of any activity | SHRIRAM B N

Repeal land reform fiat, says Siddu

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OPPOSITION leader Siddaramaiah on Thursday demanded the Karnataka Government to repeal its ordinance amending the Land Reforms Act. Terming it a bigger scam than the mining one, Siddaramaiah accused the government of compromising on the welfare of poor farmers to aid real estate honchos and corporates to take over agricultural land.

"B S Yediyurappa is betraying farmers by repealing Sections 79A, which prescribes income limit to purchase farmland, 79B-which prohibits non-farmers from purchasing agricultural land, 79C-which imposes fine if fake affidavit is filed, and Sec 80 which prohibits the transfer of agricultural land to non-farmers," Siddaramaiah said at a press conference. The Congress will protest against the move in the Assembly and outside, he added.

Siddaramaiah said the government's justification that amendments have been made to attract investments were flimsy. He pointed out that Karnataka had always been at the top two ranks for investments during his chief ministership.

"Chief Minister Yediyurappa's amendment to the historical Land Reforms Act is an attempt to stifle Congress' revolutionary policy which had aimed to empower the actual tiller of the land. The amendment will enable the rich, and not the farmer, to own land," he said.

He added that more than 25 lakh tenants farmers and their families had benefited from the implementation of the Land Reforms Act, 1974. He demanded that the ordinance be repealed, warning that such moves will jeopardise food security of the nation.

Reacting to Siddaramaiah, Deputy Chief Minister Dr C N Ashwath Narayan said there was no question of repealing the ordinance. "The Congress had also earlier backed these amendments deeming them pro-development. It is surprising that Siddaramaiah is criticising it," he said.

DEATH KNELL FOR FARMERS: CONGRESS

Mysuru: Condemning the changes made to the existing Karnataka Land Reforms Act, KPCC spokesperson M Lakshman on Thursday burnt a copy of the gazette notification of the ordinance. "The amended Act will ease restrictions on buying agricultural land. It drops Sections 79A, 79B, and 79C of the Act that imposed stringent restrictions on ownership. This will sound the death knell for farmers," he said. Congress leaders, who have been alleging corruption in the purchase of medical supplies to fight the Covid-19 pandemic, have now accused a relative of Home Minister Basavaraj Bommai and the Chief Minister's political secretary of involvement in the scam. At a press conference here, Lakshman alleged that the CM B S Yediyurappa-led government is looting public money in the name of fighting Covid-19.

ASHA WORKERS MEET SIDDARAMAIAH

ASHA workers, who have been protesting against the government and boycotting work, met Congress Legislative Party chief and leader of opposition Siddaramaiah on Thursday, seeking his support to their cause. A few days earlier, they had met Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee president D K Shivakumar at his residence. In a letter, the ASHA workers urged Siddaramaiah to back their protest demanding regularised pay, safer work environment and safety kits while being deployed for Covid-19 duty.

DARSHITA. T.
Student of R.V. PU College has scored Distinction with 97.50% in 2nd PUC (PCMB) Examination for the year 2020.

Cong up in arms over Sriramulu's comment

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HEALTH Minister B Sriramulu's comments have landed him in controversy yet again, and the Congress has been an unsparing Opposition. Deeming Sriramulu's comments that 'God alone can save Karnataka from Covid-19' a sign of incompetence, the Congress, led by State unit chief DK Shivakumar have demanded not just Sriramulu's, but the entire cabinet's resignation.

"Statements by ministers like Sriramulu and Sudhakar shows how incompetent the government is. They are causing panic among people. If they cannot do their jobs properly and take care of people, the BS Yediyurappa government has no moral right to remain in power. When they can't manage Covid-19 and have left everything to God, let them all resign and let there be President's Rule imposed in Karnataka," Shivakumar told reporters on Thursday.

A host of Congress leaders launched an all-out attack on Sriramulu for his comments. "Govt has thoroughly failed. Ppl are suffering. What r u in power for? Only to make money even in the Covid disaster. U have admitted UR incapable. U have left K'taka to God. Do the next logical thing, resign & go home(SIC)" tweeted former Minister and Byatarayanapura MLA Krishna Byregowda.

Failed to protect loyal party workers: Gowda

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ADMITTING that they failed to protect the interests of loyal party workers and leaders while in power, former Prime Minister and JDS supremo H D Deve Gowda has appealed to them to build the party.

In an open letter, Gowda has asked them to revive the party image by reaching out to people directly and through social media. He said they must do it in the run up to the preparation for the next assembly poll that is likely in 2023.

In the letter released to the media on Thursday, Gowda said they had worked for the 2018 Assembly elections and 2019 Lok Sabha elections. "Unfortunately, during the coalition government headed by H D Kumaraswamy, we had failed to protect your interest and that was a mistake. I accept this wholeheartedly. This has damaged the party to some extent," he said.

He asked the partymen to get active in their respective assembly constituencies to ensure that they are in constant touch with the people by organising activities at hobli (village) and gram panchayat level.

> **Unfortunately, during the coalition government headed by H D Kumaraswamy, we had failed to protect your interest and that was a mistake**
>
> H D Deve Gowda, JDS supremo

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The original document listed below, pertaining to R.S No. 57/4+5A (new Sy No. CTS 17/1B) situated at M. Thimmasagar Village (now Vidyanagar), Hubli within the limits of the Hubli Dharwar Municipal Corporation, measuring 13 Guntas is lost. The loss of this document is the subject matter of a Complaint before the Cubbon Park Police Station, Bengaluru. Any person/s in possession of this document should forthwith return the same to the undersigned to avoid unpleasant consequences.

The Public is cautioned against dealing with any person who may have custody of the document, as custody and/or any transaction thereon will be illegal.

DOCUMENT

1. Sale deed dated 20/11/1969 registered as Document No. 1993 of Book I Volume 939 at Pages 219-225 in the office of Sub-Registrar Hubli.

Date : July 16, 2020
Place : Bengaluru

Sd/- Prashant Shenoi,
CrestLaw Partners,
Advocates, 33, I Cross, Victoria Road, Xavier Layout, Bangalore – 560 047.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Under the instructions from The bank **THE JANATHA CO. OPERATIVE BANK LTD.,** H.O. 17th Cross, 8th Main, Malleshwaram, Bangalore-560 055 Wherein the said Sri. P D Jayakumar S/o. Damodhar Naidu P R had entered into Registered Agreement of sale from the owners ie, Sri Subramanian s/o late K Ellappan and others, dated. 05-09-2019 vide document no. YPR-1-02682/2019-20, Stored in CD No.YPRD381, Book-1 in the office of Sub registrar, Yeshwantpura, Bangalore and the said P D Jayakumar has sought with the bank for financial assistance to purchase the schedule property by way of mortgage of immovable property described in the schedule hereunder. It is hereby notified to the general public that the said P D Jayakumar has lost the Original Registered Agreement of sale Dated.05-09-2019 in respect of the schedule property and have registered a police complainant before the Commissioner of Police, Bengaluru-01 if anybody having any manner of claim, charge, over the below mentioned schedule property, they may file their objections to the under signed or to the bank with in 07 days from this day and any objections received thereafter shall not be taken in to consideration and the bank will proceed further, as if there are no other claims or objections.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the House property bearing New Muncipal **No.36, old BDA No.4292, PID No.9-17-36, old Site No.11 formed in the land bearing Sy.No.28 of Ketharamanahalli Dhakale, Ramaswamy Shettypalya @ Thurukarapalya village** situated at 13th Main Road, 'A' Block Subramanayanagar, 2 nd stage, Rajajinagara Extension Layout, Bangalore. Measuring East to West: 29 feet AND North to South : 43 totally 1247 sq feet consisting of 6 square RCC roofed with Red oxide building and bounded thereon.

BOUNDED ON: East by : Site No.4291, West by : Site No.4293, North by : Site No.4313, South by : Road.

B HONNALINGE GOWDA, ADVOCATE
No.30, Kanaka Mandira, 5th Cross, Gandhinagar, Bangalore-560009.

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

Supervisors' Training Centre
E-Tender Notice No. STC/SBC/01/2020-21 dtd: 13-07-2020
TENDER SCHEDULE

Name of Work	Total Value (24 Months)
Hiring of one AC Vehicle for the use of Director, Supervisors' Training Centre, Bangalore for a period of Two Years through E-Tender on contract basis.	Rs. 20,83,200/-

Last Date and Time for uploading tender documemnts: 17-08-2020 upto 15:00 Hrs

For full details of tender notice including downloading of tender documents, tenderers may log on to www.ireps.gov.in

Sd/- Director,
Supervisors Training Centre,
South Western Railway,
Bangalore - 560 023
No.PUB/40/AAS/PRB/SBC/2020-21

NOTICE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC

My clients **Mr. SHASHI KUMAR,** aged about 29 years S/o Mr. Govindu, R/at No. 193, 3rd Cross, NRI Layout, Kalkere, R.M. Nagar, Bangalore-16 is intending to purchase the Schedule property from its owner **Mrs. SEEMA KANWAR,** aged about 22 years, W/o. Mr. Om Dan, R/at No. 10, 9th Cross, Shiradi Sai Layout, Munekolala, Bangalore-560037 for valuable Consideration. Any persons having any rights/claims/objections/Minor Claims, in respect of the schedule property are hereby requested to send their objections to the above mentioned address within 7 days, from the receipt of this public notice. If no objections are forth coming within 7 days, my client shall get executed sale deed in his favour.

SCHEDULE

All the piece and parcel of the residential property bearing Site No. 13, Khata No. 1912, formed out of Property No. 66/2 and 66/3, situated at Thubarahalli Village, Varthur Hobli, erstwhile Bangalore South Taluk, Now Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore, now comes under the limits of BBMP, Bangalore, Measuring East to West on Northern side 33 feet 11 inches, on Southern side 37 feet 3 inches, and North to South on Eastern side 31 feet 6 Inches, on Western side 31 feet, in all measuring 1112 feet with 5 floors building and bounded on **East by:** Road, **West by:** Site No. 25 & 26, **North by:** Site No. 14, **South by:** Site No. 12,

Manjunath Reddy, B.A., LLB.,
Smt. T. Shobha Reddy, B.Sc., LLB.,
No. 8, Mega City BEML Layout Road, Maragondanahalli Main Road, K.R. Puram Post, Bangalore-560 036.
Ph: 98455 20830, 73532 33778, 99868 02999

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client **SRI.M.K.NAGARAJA SHETTY** S/o Late. Krishna Setty, No.1, 'Durgashree Nilaya' 8th Main, 8th Cross, S.B.M.Colony, Mathikere, Bangalore -560 054, intending to purchase residential **Site bearing No.38,Old No.14,**1st Main Road, Muthyla nagara, Yeshwanthapur, Ward No.2, BBMP **Khata No. (PID)2-1-38, Bangalore,** measuring **East to West 30' Feet North to South 40' Feet,** totally measuring 1200 Sq.feet with 1000 Sq.feet Ground floor RCC roof residential building, apart from the said owners, if any other persons have any manner of right, title and or interest or demand or claim or charge or lien over the above said property, they are hereby called upon to file their objection/s to the proposed sale transaction, in writing along with the photo copies of the documents on which they are basing their claim/s, with the undersigned, **within 14 days** from the date of the publication of this notice. Objections received thereafter will not be considered.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

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East by : private property, **West by :** 30 feet Road, **North by :** Property old No.13, **South by** : Property Old.No.15.

Sd/- A.Venkataswamy, Advocate,
No.110/1, "Nyaya Kuteera" 4th Main, 9th Cross, Bangalore – 560 003.

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DEMAND NOTICE

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1) Name and Address of the Borrower :- **Sri. Nirmal Kumar S/o Late. C. Anthonappa, No. 408, 2nd Cross, K.C. Mallappa Reddy Layout, Koramangala Village, 8th Block, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru.**
All that piece and parcel of Property bearing :- **No.05, 2nd Cross, Mallappa Reddy Layout, Koramangala Extension, PID No. 67-22-5, BMP Ward No. 67, Bengaluru.** Measuring :- **East to West: 30 Feet & North to South: 25 feet.**
East by : **Road,** West by : **Khaneshumari No. 409,** North by : **Road,** South by : **Khaneshumari No. 407**
Nature of Facility: **Long Term Loan of Rs. 14,00,000/-** A/c No :- **LTL:001309 Loan issued Date :- 27.02.2012**
Out Standing Loan Amount: - **Rs. 7,59,967/- (Rupees Seven Lakhs Fifty Nine Thousand Nine Hundred & Sixty Seven Only), As on 01.07.2020, plus future interest at the contract rate on the aforesaid amount together with incident expenses, cost, charges etc.**
Date of NPA :- **28.08.2019** Demand Notice dtd:-**01.07.2020** Branch: **Koramangala**

2) Name and Address of the Borrower :- **Sri. B. Moulana S/o Sri. M. Basha & Sri. B. Hyder Shariff S/o Sri. M. Basha, No.230/4, 3 A Cross, Venkatapura Main road, Koramanagala 1st Block, Bengaluru-34.**
All that piece and parcel of Property bearing :- **No.13, Khatha No. 197/1, H.L. No. 230/4, New No.27, PID 66-86-27, 3rd A Cross, Venkatapura Extension, Earlier Jakkasandra, BMP Ward No.66, Begur Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru.** Measuring :- **East to West: 30 Feet & North to South: 40 feet.**
East by : **Sampangamma's Property,** West by : **P. Ramaiah's Property,** North by : **Lakshmanappa's Property,** South by : **Road**
Nature of Facility: **Long Term Loan of Rs. 4,95,000/-** A/c No :- **LTL: 000880** Loan issued Date :- **14-06-2007**
Out Standing Loan Amount: - **Rs. 2,52,277/- (Rupees Two Lakhs Fifty Two Thousand Two Hundred & Seventy Seven Only), As on 03.07.2020, plus future interest at the contract rate on the aforesaid amount together with incident expenses, cost, charges etc.**
Date of NPA :- **15.06.2016** Demand Notice dtd:-**03.07.2020** Branch: **Koramangala**

3) Name and Address of the Borrower :- **Sri. Syed Nusrath S/o Sri. Syed Gafoor, No.05, Nusrath Building, 5th Cross Ground Floor, Gafoor Road, LBS Nagar, HAL Post, Bangalore.**
All that piece and parcel of Property bearing :- **No.11, Old No. 147/4, Khatha No. 456/1, Vibhuthipura Village, K.R. Puram Hobli, Benglauru Annasandra Palya,** Measuring :- **East to West: 42 Feet & North to South: One the Eastern Side : 34 feet & On the Western Side : 37 feet .**
East by : **Site No. 34,** West by : **Road & Site No. 10 & 9,** North by : **Site No. 12 then Road,** South by : **Private property**
Nature of Facility: Long Term Loan of Rs. 14,25,000/- A/c No :- **LTL: 001269** Loan issued Date :- **18-08-2011**
Out Standing Loan Amount: - **Rs. 7,16,727/- (Rupees Seven Lakhs Sixteen Thousand Seven Hundred & Twenty Seven Only), As on 01.07.2020, plus future interest at the contract rate on the aforesaid amount together with incident expenses, cost, charges etc.**
Date of NPA :- **19.11.2019** Demand Notice dtd:- **01.07.2020** Branch: **Koramangala**

4) Name and Address of the Borrower :- **Sri. J.B. Kalidas (Deceased), Legal Representative : 1) J.K. Jagadish Babu (Son), 2) Sri. Veerandra Babu J.K(Son) & 3) Bhuvaneshwari. J.K. (Daughter), No. 735, 4th Main Road, 9th Cross, R.J. Nagar, Kormangala, Benglauru-47.**
All that piece and parcel of Property bearing :- **New Municipal No. 735, Rajendra Nagar Slum, Kormangala 2nd Stage, 11th Block, Under PID No. 67-9-735, Ward No. 67 Koramangala, Bengaluru.** Measuring :- **East to West: 20 Feet & North to South: 15 feet .**
East by : **Property bearing No. 734,** West by : **Road,** North by : **Road,** South by : **Property bearing No. 736**
Nature of Facility: **Long Term Loan of Rs. 9,70,000/-** A/c No :- **LTL: 001716** Loan issued Date :-**15-04-2016**
Out Standing Loan Amount: - **Rs. 8,53,539/- (Rupees Eight Lakhs Fifty Three Thousand Five Hundred & Thirty Nine Only), As on 01.07.2020, plus future interest at the contract rate on the aforesaid amount together with incident expenses, cost, charges etc.**
Date of NPA :- **16.03.2019** Demand Notice dtd:- **01.07.2020** Branch: **Koramangala**

5) Name and Address of the Borrower :- **Sri. Muniraja Reddy (Deceased), Legal Representative by : 1) Smt. Sharadhamma (Wife), 2) Suresh (Son), 3) Manjunatha (Son), 4) Sathish (Son), 5) Suvarna (Daughter), No.30, Singasandra, 7th A Cross, Hosur Road, Bengaluru-68.**
All that piece and parcel of Property bearing :- **No.30, Old No.33, Singasandra Village, Begur Hobli, Hosur Road, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru.**
Measuring :- **East to West: 73 Feet & North to South: 32 feet .**
East by : **Road,** West by : **Property of Yamalur Abbaiah,** North by : **Property of Muniswamappa,** South by : **Road**
Nature of Facility: **Long Term Loan of Rs. 9,95,000/- & 4,95,000/-** A/c No :- **LTL:001118 & LTL:001184** Loan issued Date :- **09.04.2010 & 12.11.2010**
Out Standing Loan Amount: - **Rs. 7,02,025/- (Rupees Seven Lakhs Two Thousand & Twenty Five Only), As on 01.07.2020, plus future interest at the contract rate on the aforesaid amount together with incident expenses, cost, charges etc.**
Date of NPA :- **10.04.2019** Demand Notice dtd:- **01.07.2020** Branch: **Koramangala**

6) Name and Address of the Borrower :- **Sri. V. Jagadeesh & Sri. Muniraju. V both are sons of Sri. M. Venkatappa, No.07, Old No. 9/4, & 9/4A, Sri Rama Temple Road, Ejipura, Viveknagar Post, Bengaluru-47.**
All that piece and parcel of Property bearing :- **No.07, Old No.9/4, & 9/4A, formed out of Property No.161/2, Srirama Temple Road, Ejipura, PID No. 68-121-7, BMP Ward No. 68, Bengaluru.** Measuring :- **East to West: 15 Feet & North to South: 10 feet, In all Measuring : 150 Sq feet. Along with East to West : 16.6 feet & North to South : 19.6 feet In all Measuring : 322 Sq feet.**
East by : **Ejipura Road & Property of M. Balappa,** West by : **Muniswamappa's Property,** North by : **Venkataswamy Property,** South by : **10 feet Common Passage.**
Nature of Facility: **Long Term Loan of Rs. 15,00,000/-** A/c No :- **LTL: 001545** Loan issued Date :- **05.04.2014**
Out Standing Loan Amount: - **Rs. 10,01,378/- (Rupees Ten Lakhs One Thousand Three Hundred & Seventy Eight Only), As on 01.07.2020, plus future interest at the contract rate on the aforesaid amount together with incident expenses, cost, charges etc.**
Date of NPA :- **06.01.2020** Demand Notice dtd:-**01.07.2020** Branch: **Koramangala**

7) Name and Address of the Borrower :- **Sri. Krishna (Deceased) Legal Representative by : 1)Smt. Rathnamma (Wife), 2) Shobha. K, 3) Shuba. K, 4) Shewtha. K Daughters, No.32, Hosur Main Road, Opp. Police Qutrs, Adugodi, Bengaluru-30.**
All that piece and parcel of Property bearing :- **No.14, 3rd Cross, Maruthi Nagar, Madiwala , PID No. 66-61-14, BMP Ward No. 66, Bengaluru.**
Measuring :- **East to West: 30 Feet & North to South: 40 feet,**
East by : **Road,** West by : **Site No. 07,** North by : **Site No. 15,** South by : **Site No. 13**
Nature of Facility: **Long Term Loan of Rs. 9,95,000/-, 6,00,000/-, 10,00,000/- & 10,00,000/-**
A/c No :- **LTL:001247, LTH:010072, LTL:001333 & LTL:001446** Loan issued Date :- **19.05.2011, 16.11.2011 , 04.06.2012, 17.06.2013**
Out Standing Loan Amount: - **Rs. 17,97,781/- (Rupees Seventeen Lakhs Ninety Seven Thousand Seven Hundred & Eighty One Only), As on 01.07.2020, plus future interest at the contract rate on the aforesaid amount together with incident expenses, cost, charges etc.**
Date of NPA :- **05.10.2019** Demand Notice dtd:- **01.07.2020** Branch: **Koramangala**

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TRACKING COVID-19

Three policemen attached to Koramangala police station tested positive for Covid-19 on Wednesday, taking the number of infected officers in Bengaluru to 666. A total of 412 officers have been discharged, and 8 have succumbed to the virus.

1,263 NEW RECOVERIES

19,729 TOTAL RECOVERED

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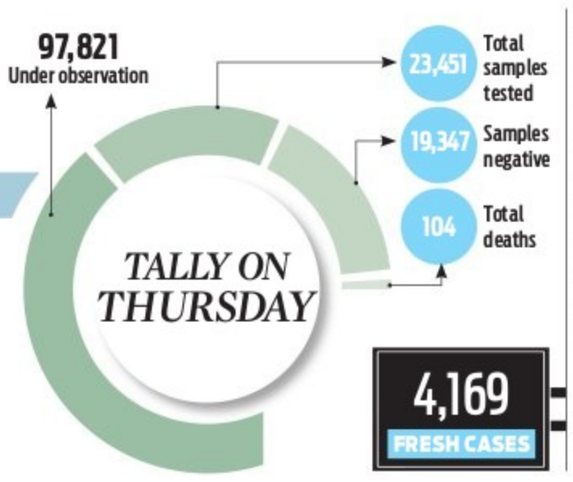

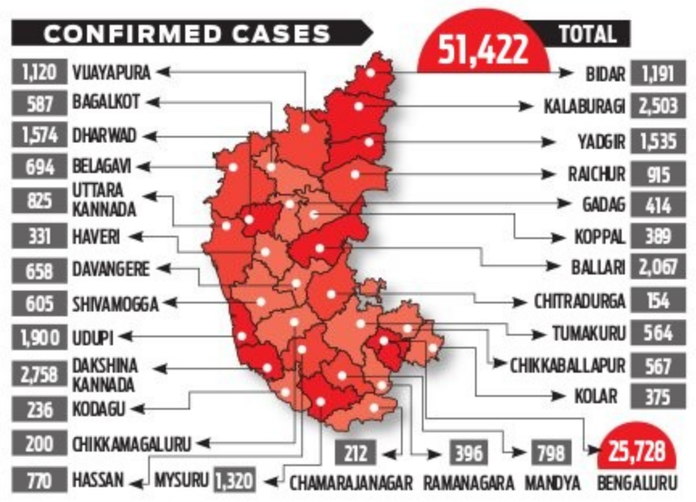

Filthy loos, no water, no doctors in CCCs

After patients complain, furious DyCM takes BBMP officials, tahsildar to task; Sudhakar pulls up hospital mgmt for flouting rules

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AS the number of Covid-19 cases and deaths surged over the past few days, especially in Bengaluru, some hospitals and Covid Care Centres (CCCs) have come under fire for their lacklustre response to the crisis.

So much so, Deputy Chief Minister Dr CN Ashwath Narayan, who is also in-charge of CCCs in Bengaluru, was shocked and furious to see the condition of the largest CCC facility, at the University of Agriculture Sciences (UAS) Gandhi Krishi Vignana Kendra (GKVK) campus on Ballari Road in the city on Thursday.

During his surprise visit to the 712-bed CCC facility, patients complained about lack of cleanliness, treatment, medication, food and condition of the toilets. They said that doctors were not coming inside to treat them, bedspreads were not changed, toilets were not cleaned and even drinking water was in short supply. A statement from the DyCM's office said one of the patients told him, "They (doctors) are not just ignoring (us) but treating us with indignation."

Expressing anguish over the lack of facilities and cleanliness at the CCC, the DyCM directed senior IAS officer Rajender Kumar Kataria, the nodal officer for CCC, to initiate action against the erring officers. He also directed Kataria to act against a doctor who came late to work at the CCC.

The DyCM took the BBMP Joint Commissioner and tahsildar to task for not managing the facility well. "There is no question of excusing you people for being so inhuman," a furious DyCM said. However, Dr Ashwath Narayan appreciated doctors and officials at the CCC at Horticulture Hostel in the GKVK campus.

Action against pvt hospitals

The DyCM said the government will take action against private hospitals which are not treating Covid-19 patients. "We will not hesitate to cancel licences and file criminal cases against such hospitals," he said.

SUDHAKAR SUSPENDS TWO OFFICIALS FOR NEGLIGENCE

Medical Education Minister Dr K Sudhakar inspects CV Raman General Hospital in Indiranagar, Bengaluru, on Thursday | EXPRESS

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MINISTER for Medical Education Dr K Sudhakar made a surprise visit to C V Raman General Hospital in Indiranagar, Bengaluru, to inspect the facilities there.

Despite having 15 high-flow oxygen beds vacant, only two patients were provided those beds. Dr Sudhakar warned the hospital management to strictly follow guidelines and send asymptomatic and mildly symptomatic patients to Covid Care Centres, so that beds are available for those who need them.

Sudhakar noticed that the hospital lab had collected few swabs, and instructed them to collect a minimum of 500 swabs per day. Pointing to the under-utilised beds and ICU beds, the minister said that due to negligence and lethargy of officials, the government was being blamed, despite working day and night for the past 4-5 months.

The minister strictly instructed the chief secretary to suspend two officials for failing to follow guidelines and not giving the right treatment to patients.

Despite the anaesthesia department having six technicians, there was no ventilator facility. Sudhakar questioned the hospital as to why the technicians were not sent to other hospitals that require staff.

Medical president Radhakrishna and other officials were also present. Sudhakar took stock of the preparedness of the hospital, and warned them to rectify flaws.

Housing Minister V Somanna, MP PC Mohan, MLA Rizwan Arshad and others at the inauguration of the Covid-19 War Room in Shivajinagar, Bengaluru, on Thursday

Patients die waiting, but beds portal paints rosy picture

RANJANI MADHAVAN @Bengaluru

DESPITE real-time bed availability data put up on a BBMP portal (chbms.bbmpgov.in), patients are still losing their lives — Covid and non-Covid alike — with hospitals stating that they do not have beds or ventilators. TNIE is in the know of at least four patients who lost their lives on Wednesday night, and volunteers who tried to help them state that the ground reality is starkly different.

A 52-year-old man from Gurappanpalya, having cough and low oxygen saturation levels, who was awaiting his Covid test result, died waiting for a ventilator in front of St Philomena's Hospital on Wednesday.

A 57-year-old woman from Pillanna Garden with breathing problem and awaiting her test result, was taken to 12 hospitals and finally passed away around 1 am Thursday.

Yet another Covid-19 suspect patient in KC General Hospital had a bed, but was in need of a ventilator. Despite a search in all hospitals for a ventilator bed, she passed away.

> The dashboard shows ICU beds available, but when you look for the hospital, it stops working. If you call 1912, they say there are no ICU beds, but when you tell them the dashboard shows beds are available, they say they have no information
> Dr Harshit Mundra, Private hospital doctor

A 63-year-old man from Benson Town, suffering chest congestion and partial breathlessness, who had not yet got his Covid test done, died around 3am Thursday.

"The real-time data from the BBMP website is of no use. We tried to coordinate to help these patients through the Covid-19 Sahaya Telegram group, set up by the government. We contacted the Department of Information and Public Relations and labour helpline, but no one was able to get a ventilator bed," said Fathaheen Misbah, a volunteer with NGO Mercy Mission, who was trying to help the patients.

"The shift engineer on 1912 only said they would look into it, and kept asking us to find a bed from our end as well. Meanwhile, the oxygen levels of these patients were dropping. He also asked us for Specimen Referral Form (SRF) ID. None of the hospitals' nodal officers are available at a time like 3 am to take our calls. If there are so many ventilator beds as per the portal, why can't I find even one," questioned Tauseef Ahmed, another volunteer with Mercy Mission.

"The beds portal does not work most of the time. The dashboard shows ICU beds available, but when you look for the hospital, it stops working. If you call 1912, they say there are no ICU beds, but when you tell them the dashboard shows beds are available, they say they have no information. The dashboard looks very rosy but when I want an ICU bed for my patient, it is not available anywhere," said Dr Harshit Mundra, treating Covid-19 patients in a private hospital.

"The number of ICU beds is much lesser than what the government ordered, which means we are already undercutting a response we should be stepping up on. The portal contact number 080-22660000 was on hold for nearly 40 minutes," said a doctor from a private hospital.

Responding to TNIE's query, Minister for Medical Education Dr K Sudhakar said, "The government has strictly mandated that all private hospitals reserve 50% of beds for Covid treatment, and taken measures to ensure that no patient suffers without timely treatment.

Oxford shot shows early promise, offers double protection

Oxford University AstraZeneca's vaccine candidate shows promise, as researchers believe it could provide double protection against coronavirus. Early tests show it stimulates body to produce both antibodies and 'killer T-cells'. While antibodies fade away within months, T-cells stay for years

T-cells are components of the immune system. They kill infected host cells and activate other immune cells to for robust response

The Oxford University's vaccine is among three that have reached Phase III

Sinovac, by a Chinese state-owned pharmaceutical company Sinopharm, launched the world's first Phase III trial using an inactivated vaccine. UAE is where the tests are happening with up to 15,000 volunteers

30 employees of Sinopharm took the shot even before the company got permission for its initial human study, raising ethical concerns

The Modern/NIAID investigational vaccine, mRNA-1273, in the US was generally well tolerated and created antibodies, initial tests suggested. It, too, is in Phase III

THE VACCINE RACE

23 Vaccine candidates reached clinical evaluation stage globally as of July 15

140 Candidate vaccines in preclinical evaluation

DIRTY TRICKS DEPARTMENT

Hackers supported by Russia trying to steal Covid-19 vaccine and treatment research from academia and pharmacy institutions around the world, a joint statement from Britain, the US and Canada warned

HIGH LOAD

Delay in test reports due to huge rush

BR UDAYA KUMAR @Hassan

THE members of the risk assessment committee at the Covid Hospital are worrying for the delay in the process of testing despite 25 lab technicians working 24X27 at the Covid laboratory.

The technicians are unable to give the reports on time as the neighbouring district hospitals are also sending the swab samples to the Hassan hospital for testing. Data available with the Express show that nearly 1,000 people come daily for the Covid-19 test.

The technicians reportedly were working under pressure and alleged wrong reports also demoralized them as they were taken to task by the senior officials following complaints from the patients.

The health officials and the district authorities are worrying about the movement of people after giving swab for testing. The help desk at the district health and family welfare office and Covid control rooms received complaints from the people in this regard.

Dr Krishnamurthy, Superintendent of the designated Covid-19 hospital, said that 25 lab technicians have been working 24X7 in different shifts. They are working under heavy pressure following the increase of swab tests, he added.

Dr Ravi Kumar, Director, Hassan Institute of Medical Sciences, said that efforts are on to give reports at the earliest

1,800 Ayush doctors quit, govt seeks 4 days time

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WITH the government not meeting their demands, 1,800 Ayush doctors in the Health and Family Welfare Department resigned on Thursday. Since the government has sought four days time, they will wait till Monday but not work.

A meeting in May with Health Minister Sriramulu had left them hopeful. But as there was no outcome, they decided to resign.

Equal pay on par with MBBS doctors, allowing private Ayush medical practitioners to give out allopathic medicines are their major demands.

As these doctors too are playing a role in Covid-19 management, their resignations are expected to hit Covid services.

"There are Ayush doctors working against sanctioned MBBS posts, Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram doctors and Ayush doctors under the National Health Mission who are on contract basis, working without insurance and PF. Ayush doctors get Rs 19,404, Bal Swasthya doctors get Rs 25,000 and those against MBBS posts get Rs 26,000. However, the salary of doctors in the Ayush department is Rs 52,000. We want equal pay," said Dr Madhukar, who was working in a PHC in Tumakuru district and is a member of Karnataka Ayush Medical Officers Association.

The association is backed by 27,000 Ayush practitioners in Karnataka under the banner of Ayush Federation of India.

They want compensation of Rs 50 lakh if they die on Covid duty. Several Ayush practitioners have tested positive while attending to Covid patients in fever clinics, PHCs, quarantine centres and hospitals.

Dr Mahaveer, state secretary, Ayush Federation of India, said, "We wanted integrated practice for private Ayush doctors. A rule was brought in that allowed government Ayush doctors to prescribe allopathic medicines but it was not extended to private practitioners. The government is using our services for free for Covid-19 management, but not meeting our demands."

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> Dr Mahaveer, state secretary, Ayush Federation of India

COVID WATCH

BBMP Commissioner's PA tests +ve

Bengaluru: The personal assistant to BBMP Commissioner B H Anil Kumar tested Covid-positive on Thursday. However, the commissioner said he did not have to undergo testing and quarantine because his PA was not in office for the last fortnight. With increasing number of BBMP officials testing positive and going under quarantine, the corporation and the government are worried as most are on Covid duty. The BBMP is also looking at outsourcing work now, and is also putting some works, that is not urgent, on hold, until the officials are back. Kumar said the offices and chambers of all those who are in quarantine have been sanitised and disinfected. A few BBMP public relations officers are also in quarantine after they come in contact with a positive patient. ENS

On spot triage for rapid antigen testing

Bengaluru: Mobile testing teams will have a lab technician and assistant to carry out testing in containment and buffer zones. The assistant will enter details on the RT-PCR app and generate the SRF ID. This is to ensure symptomatic and asymptomatic suspects are not mixed up at swab collection centres. "People will be triaged at fever clinics or hospitals, and if they are symptomatic, they have to be shifted to the right Covid facility on testing positive. If a person is asymptomatic and positive, they will be sent home and the local booth-level team will be informed," the government announced via a circular. "The testing team can do a triage at the spot to check for suitability to stay at home or not," the circular reads. The result should be communicated to the person right then. ENS

DRONES LAUNCH AERIAL STRIKE ON VIRUS

Disinfectant being sprayed in Jayanagar, Bengaluru, using drones on Thursday morning. Revenue Minister R Ashoka, Bengaluru South MP Tejasvi Surya, MLAs Ramalinga Reddy and Soumya Reddy were present for the trial | EXPRESS

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DRONES hovered over the pandemic-stricken streets of Jayanagar 3rd Block in Bengaluru on Thursday morning, spraying anti-microbial organic disinfectant over empty stretches. The disinfectant is said to have proved beneficial in controlling the virus spread in Chennai. The solution will be sprayed across more than 30 wards of South Division in Bengaluru over the next few days, with the State government permitting trials.

The drones have been developed as a common man's initiative by Team Daksha of MIT Campus on Anna University. They were mentored by Tamil actor Thalaiva Ajith Kumar and Bengaluru-based NGO Sugardhana.

Dr Karthik Narayana, founder of Sugardhana, told TNIE, "This is a common man's initiative. I am a student of Dr APJ Abdul Kalam, and we believed that drones can be used for various benefits and not just for surveillance. This technology has proved successful in Chennai in its fight against Covid, and we are glad to be mentored by Ajith Kumar sir," he said.

Dr Karthik said in Chennai, 200 to 300 drones sprayed an anti microbial disinfectant solution made of citrus-based fruit extracts over two areas — TVK Nagar and Royapuram — which had heavy caseload.

"The Tamil Nadu government itself has declared that this technology helped contain the virus spread, and no fresh cases were reported from these areas after the solution was sprayed for three days continuously. The report is with IISc in Bengaluru, if verification is needed," he said.

In Bengaluru, the BBMP gave the team permission about three days earlier, and they have decided to start from South Division. The initiative was launched on Thursday by Revenue Minister R Ashoka and Bengaluru South MP Tejasvi Surya, along with area Congress MLA Ramalinga Reddy and Soumya Reddy.

Railway Protection Force (RPF) busted a racket involving theft of batteries from AC train coaches stabled at Golahalli railway station in Nelamangala. Six people were arrested and produced before the Economic Offences court. Property worth Rs 2.76 lakh was seized, an official release said.

'Penalise private hospitals denying Covid treatment'

High Court directs State to invoke Disaster Management Act for refusal of medical services

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THE Karnataka High Court ordered the State Executive Committee under the Disaster Management Act to direct private hospitals to provide care to Covid patients, and take penal action if they refuse.

A division bench of Chief Justice Abhay Shreeniwas Oka and Justice Alok Aradhe passed the order while hearing PILs pertaining to Covid-19 that sought directions to make private hospitals accountable for denying medical services to Covid-19 patients.

"It is necessary to invoke the Disaster Management Act to enforce directions. Under Section 24 of the Act, the State Executive Committee can issue directions to a person in charge of Covid patients at private hospitals. If such directions are issued, action, including penal action, can be taken against them for default," the bench said.

Section 24 of the Act empowers the State Executive Committee constituted under the Act to mobilise resources in the face of disaster.

The State said a circular dated July 13, directed hospitals to admit Covid-19 patients without waiting for the BU code, provided they furnished any document -- SMS alert, Arogya Setu app message, or laboratory report – that showed they had tested positive.

Another circular issued on July 15 directed private hospitals to put up boards displaying the name of the hospital, a break-up of the type of beds available (isolation beds, ICU beds, ICU beds with ventilators), number of beds allocated for Covid patients (which should be half of hospital beds according to rules). The court suggested that the circular could be modified to incorporate a direction to set up a phone number where complaints could be filed if care was denied.

'Ensure care for frontline workers'

The State government and BBMP must formulate measures to ensure that frontline workers – pourakarmikas, police personnel, and all health workers (including Asha workers, housekeeping staff in hospitals and others) – are protected, the Karnataka High Court said on Thursday. A division bench of Chief Justice Abhay Shreeniwas Oka and Justice Alok Aradhe said, while issuing the direction, "All stake holders must ensure that special care is taken for them." The bench ordered the BBMP to implement its orders issued in March and April on implementing the SOP, which includes providing PPE, masks, etc.

A containment zone at OPH Road in Shivajinagar, Bengaluru | ARUNIMAA

Appoint senior officer to implement SOP, says HC

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THE Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike's approach towards implementing Covid Standard Operating Procedure in over 5,000 containment zones in Bengaluru is a mockery of court proceedings, the Karnataka High Court said on Thursday, and directed the State government to appoint a senior official to implement the SOP.

During a hearing of Covid-related PILs, a division bench of Chief Justice Abhay Shreeniwas Oka and Justice Alok Aradhe passed the order and asked the State government to suggest a name. The court accepted Additional Advocate General Dhyan Chinnappa's submission of appointing Principal Secretary to the Social Welfare Department G Kumar Naik. The bench then directed the government to issue a notification and ordered Naik to take immediate steps and file a report.

The SOP requires the BBMP to identify people in need and ensure supply of food packets, ration kits, other essential services at their doorstep, and ensure movement of people in containment zones is restricted.

Despite repeated orders, the affidavit filed by the BBMP had no information about identifying the number of affected people in containment zones, and the people in need of relief, and no mention of implementation of orders, the bench said.

Even though several orders had been issued, and the number of cases crossing 1,500 in Bengaluru each day, the BBMP showed no inclination to implement the SOP. This was a "classic case" to invoke Section 99 of the Karnataka Municipal Corporation Act to order the State government to take over the BBMP, the court said.

However, since the city was seriously affected by the pandemic, "We are not doing it. This is a fit case to initiate proceedings under Contempt of Courts Act against BBMP officers, but sending top official to civil prison will not resolve the issue," the court said.

Govt teachers on Covid duty worried, say they are at risk

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TEACHERS of government primary schools engaged in contact tracing say they are at risk of contracting Covid-19 due to delays in sanitising or sealing off patients' houses.

A school teacher told *The New Indian Express* that information about primary and secondary contacts, family members, neighbours etc, must uploaded onto an app developed by the State government. "When we were noting the details at a house in Kammanahalli, the patient's family told us the house had not been sanitised yet. It was only after we alerted the medical officer and the local corporator that the house was sanitised. We are at risk, but if we complain, authorities talk ill of us," said a teacher requesting anonymity.

A teacher who is asthmatic said that when she raised concerns about delays in sanitisation, she was accused of lying.

During a visit to the house of a patient, she found that the house had not been sanitised. "Neighbours were not even aware of the case. Only when we got there we realised the patient had been asked to isolate at home. We then informed the revenue inspector to get the place sanitised," she said.

Basavaraj Gurikar, president of the Karnataka State Primary School Teachers Association, said, "They give masks and face shields, but that is not enough. We have requested several times that teachers not be forced to do this. But they are not listening to us." BBMP Commissioner Anil Kumar said that he would look into the issue.

Switching to eSIM costs woman Rs 3 lakh

She was surprised to learn that they applied for a loan of Rs 10 lakh in her name, got it approved, and siphoned off Rs 3 lakh

Police officer

MG CHETAN @Bengaluru

A 25-year-old woman, who agreed to switch her mobile phone SIM card to eSIM, lost Rs 3 lakh to fraudsters who allegedly applied for a Rs 10 lakh loan in her name and siphoned off Rs 3 lakh.

Prachi Awasthi, a resident of Kannamangala, filed a complaint with the police two days after the incident, which occurred between July 9-11. On July 9, around 10.30 am, she got a call from a man who claimed to be a customer care representative of her telecom service provider. He told her that he was converting her physical SIM to eSIM. She agreed and he asked her to send a text messages to a number. As soon as she did so, her phone number got blocked.

"The woman started getting One Time Passwords (OTP) to her e-mail ID from her bank to initiate online fund transfer. Suspecting foul play, she approached the nearest branch of the bank. Explaining the situation to the staff, she asked them to block her bank account, as transactions were being done without her consent. To her surprise, she learnt that a loan of Rs 10 lakh had been applied for from her account via online banking and the amount was credited to her account. The fraudsters had also transferred Rs 3 lakh to other bank accounts through net banking. The bank then blocked her account and her debit card, police said.

Police suspect that the miscreants stole the data related to her bank account and could have cloned her SIM to access OTPs sent from the bank.

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महाप्रबंधक General Manager

PUBLIC NOTICE
This notice is issued on behalf of My client **Mrs.Komal.M.V W/o Mr.Sreenivasa Reddy** to bring the notice of the general public that the original unregistered agreement of sale dt.22.01.2014 and construction agreement entered into between Mr.Suresh Bhatia s/o Mr.M.M.Bhatia rep by his power of attorney holder M/s Prestige Estates Projects Ltd., (Seller) and M/s Prestige Estates Projects Ltd., (Developer) with Mrs.Komal M.V w/o Mr.Sreenivasa Redy (Purchaser) are missing / lost/ misplaced.
If any person/s, firm, company, institution or organization has any claim are holding the afore mentioned document, they may contact the undersigned in writing **within 7 days** from the date of this notice failing which it will be presumed that there are no claims.
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Vydyuthi Bhavanam, Pattom, Thiruvananthapuram
Phone: 0471 -2514610, 4274, 4624, 9496018340
E-mail: ksebccs@kseb.in , ceit@kseb.in
Expression of Interest for implementing reward points program for KSEBL consumers paying electricity bills online. Bid documents available in site www.kseb.in from 15-06-2020 11AM onwards. Last date & time for clarifications through email 01-08-2020 3PM. Last date & time for Online submission of bids: 04-08-2020 3PM Date & time of opening of Pre-qualification Bids: 06-08-2020 3PM
Chief Engineer (IT, CR & CAPs)
For further details www.kseb.in PR/MC1/F166/Advt/2020.

Government of Karnataka
Superintendent of Police, Coastal Security Police and Member Secretary to Special Recruitment Committee for Technical Post
Recruitment of Technical Staff on contract basis
The Police Department is recruiting the following technical posts for Coastal Security Police, Udupi on 05 Years contract basis. Details are as below.

Sl. No.	Description of the Post	No. of Posts	Grade
1	Motor Launch Engineer	01	Police Inspector Grade
2	Boat Captain	02	Police Sub Inspector Grade
3	Assistant Boat Captain	09	Asst. Police Sub Inspector Grade
4	Motor Launch Mechanic	03	Asst. Police Sub Inspector Grade
5	Engine Driver	10	Police Head Constable Grade
6	Khalasi	06	Police Constable Grade
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Eligibility Criteria: • **Candidates who are from retired Navy/Coast Guard and B.S.F Water Wing are eligible to apply for the above mentioned posts. Last date of submission of application was 10.07.2020 at 5.30 p.m. Due to COVID-19 pandemic last date for submission of application for the aove posts is extended till 31.07.2020.** For further details, like age, educational qualification, experience terms and condition may be ascertained from the Member Secretary and Superintendent of Police, Coastal Security Police, Bundar Road, Malpe, Udupi 576108 or from official website **ksp.gov.in**. **Ph: 0820-2538120, 2538150, Fax: 2535100**
DIPR/UDP/MCA/198/20-21 Dt: 16.7.20
Sd/- Superintendent of Police Coastal Security Police, Udupi

The Brihanmumbai Electric Supply & Transport Undertaking
(Of The Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation)
TENDER NOTICE
e-tenders are invited for the supply of following items.
(1) 44795, (2) 67924.
Note : For more details, log on to website **https://mahatenders.gov.in.**
PRO/AAM(M)/26/2020. GENERAL MANAGER

Tumakuru Smart City Limited, Tumakuru
Sri Mahalakshmi Arcade, S.S.Puram Main Road, Coffee Board Colony, Tumakuru-572102.
Ph: 0810-2278190. Web: www.smartcitytumakuru.in
e-mail: smartcitytumakuru@gmail.com
No: TSCL/Tender/CR/113 & 31/2019-20 Date: 15.07.2020
TENDER NOTIFICATION
Tender has been invited from eligible contractors for the following works of Tumakuru Smart City Limited. The eligible Contractors may apply by downloading the Tender document through e-procurement portal www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in. For more information contact Smart City Office Number : **0816-2278190** and e-portal help desk number: **080-22340948.**

Sl. No.	Name of the work	Amount put to tender (Rs. in Lakhs)	EMD (in Rs.)
1.	Development of S S Circle Park, (Ward No.19), Tumakuru	59.17	1,18,500/-
2.	Supply of Tractor mounted Boom Sprayer with boom and accessories besides mist blower to TCC at Tumakuru.	19.59	48,975/-

For all the above works, tender document can be downloaded from **16.07.2020 onwards.** Last date for Bid submission is on **30.07.2020** and Tender opening date is on **31.07.2020.**
Note: Any change of date and other information will be notified only in e-procurement portal and no further publications in Newspaper.
DIPR/TUMKUR/19/2020-21
Sd/-
Executive Engineer
Tumakuru Smart City Limited, Tumakuru.

MANDYA DIST. CO-OPERATIVE MILK PRODUCERS' SOCIETIES UNION LTD.
PRODUCT DAIRY, GEJJALAGERE - 571 428. MANDYA DIST.
e-mail:manmulfgs@gmail.com Tele: 08232-274572
IFT No: MMU/FGS/TRANSP/Tender/12/P32/2020-21 Date: 14-07-2020
TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through e-Procurement Portal Only)
The Mandya Dist. Co-operative Milk Producers Societies Union Ltd., invites tenders through e-Procurement from eligible Tenderers as mentioned below.
1) Transportation of Butter From **PDG, Gejjalagere** To **Bhairaveshwara Cool Point Challaghatta, Kengeri, Bangalore.** KMS for 2 Side: **146 KMS**, Approx. Quantity: **300MT.** EMD: **Rs.20,000/-.** No of calls: **1st.**
2) Transportation of SMP/Butter From **Ramanagar Hightech Powder Plant** To **PDG Gejjalagere**. KMS for 2 Side: **78 KMS**, Approx. Quantity: **500MT.** EMD: **Rs.20,000/-.** No of calls: **1st.**
Interested Tenderers may download bidding documents from the e-procurement portal **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** and also contact helpline No: 080-25501227 / 25501216, e-mail: **hphelpdesk.blr@intarvo.com**
Schedule of Dates are as Follows
1) Tender Schedules may be downloaded from: **16.07.2020 to 14.08.2020 at 11.55 Hrs. 2)** Last date for submission of Tender: **14.08.2020 upto 17.00 Hrs. 3)** Opening of Technical Tender (Part-1) on: **17.08.2020 after 11.30 Hrs. 4)** Opening of Commercial Tender (Part-2) on: **Will be Intimated.**
For any queries please contact FGS, Mobile No: 9611120866
For Mandya Dist. Co-Operative Milk Union Ltd;
Sd/- Managing Director

CENTRE FOR DNA FINGERPRINTING AND DIAGNOSTICS
(An autonomous Institute of the Department of Biotechnology, Ministry of Science & Technology, Govt. of India) Inner Ring Road, Uppal, Hyderabad – 500039, Telangana, India, Tel : +91-40-2721 6015, Fax : +91-40-2721 6006, Website : http://www.cdfd.org.in
Admission to Research Scholars Program – I 2020
The Centre for DNA Fingerprinting and Diagnostics, Hyderabad, invites applications from highly motivated candidates for admission to our Research Scholars Program. Keeping in view the interdisciplinary nature of modern biology, we especially encourage persons from diverse backgrounds to apply. Those admitted as Research Scholars would be encouraged to apply for the Ph.D. program of Manipal Academy of Higher Education or Regional Centre for Biotechnology.
Eligibility Criteria:
To be eligible a candidate must have:
1. A Master's degree in any branch of Science, Technology, or Agriculture from a recognized University / Institute OR MBBS. **Candidates who have appeared for their final semester examination, but are awaiting results, are also eligible to apply.**
2. Qualified for a Junior Research Fellowship from CSIR / UGC / DBT / ICMR / INSPIRE / BINC / JEST / UGC – RGNF or any other similar examination with fellowship.
Candidates having qualified for the Project – JRF fellowship under the ICMR funded project Scheme [which is only for a period of two years] / DBT JRF NET with a B.Tech. [Biotechnology] degree / DBT JRF NET under DBT – B category list / LS-NET qualification only in CSIR-UGC (NET) examination, are **NOT** eligible to apply.
(Please see CDFD website for details).
Selection Procedure:
Admission to CDFD Research Scholars Program will be based on an **interview via video conference,** scheduled to be held in **September 2020.** The candidates should be available for more than one round of interviews, spread over three days, if needed.
(Please see CDFD website for details).
Interested candidates who fulfill the above conditions may register their names for **RESEARCH SCHOLARS PROGRAM – I 2020** by applying in the prescribed application form at **http://cdfd.org.in/jrf.**
The online application will open on **10.07.2020** and will be closed on **09.08.2020.**
Director, CDFD reserves the right to accept / reject any or all applications without assigning any reasons whatsoever.
Visit the CDFD website http://cdfd.org.in for the detailed advertisement/ General terms and conditions.

KARNATAKA NEERAVARI NIGAM LIMITED
(A Government of Karnataka Enterprise)
Office of the Executive Engineer,
KNNL,Dandavathi Reservoir Project Division, Shikaripura .Ph:08187-222206
Short Term Tender Notification
Tender Notification 21/2020-21 Date: 16.07.2020
(Two Tender Document & E- Procurement System only)
Short term percentage tender are invited as per K.T.P.P Act-2000 on behalf of the Managing Director KNNL Bangalore by the Executive Engineer, KNNL, DRP Division, Shikaripura from eligible contractors such as **KNNL Cat-I** The tenders are required to submit Tenders only through E- procurement portal of Govt of Karnataka **(http:// www.eproc .karnataka.gov.in).**
"Construction of Cover Duct in deep cut reaches from Km 0+000 to KM 11+950 of Sanyasikoppa main canal in Shikaripura Taluk Shivamogga District", of Amount put to tender **Rs. 1585.03** lakhs and EMD **Rs. 15.86** lakhs
1) Date of pre bid meeting: **23.07.2020 @11.00AM**.O/o CE, KNNL, UTP Zone, Shivamogga. **2)** Date of downloading & submission of tender (through e- procurement) will be on **17.07.2020 to 27.07.2020** up to **16.30** hrs. **3)** opening of technical bid will be on **28.07.2020 @ 17.00** hrs. **4)** Financial bid will be opened after approval of technical bid. For more details visit website from date-**17-07-2020** at **(http:// www.eproc .karnataka .gov.in)**. OR undersigned in all working days during office hours on telephone no **08187-222206**
Sd/- Executive Engineer,
KNNL, DRP Division,
Shikaripura
DIPR/SMG/No.69-07/zenkar/2020-21

Canara Bank
SALE NOTICE
TIRUPPUR MAIN BRANCH, TIRUPPUR.
E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Properties under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.
Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive/Physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Tiruppur Main Branch of the Canara Bank, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 19.08.2020 for recovery of below mentioned amount due to the Tiruppur Main Branch of Canara Bank, from the below mentioned borrowers. The reserve price of the different sites are as per the table given below:
Name and Address of the Borrowers and Guarantors : M/s. NAVITAA EXPORTS, Mr. V M MANJUNATH and Mr.SATHEESH KUMAR P Total liabilities as on 25.11.2019 : Rs.11,09,24,497.71 (Rupees Eleven Crore Nine Lakhs Twenty Four Thousand Four Hundred and Ninety Seven, paise Seventy One only) with further interest and other incidental charges thereto incurred by the Bank.
Description of the property : Item No.1 : 4000 sqft of residential vacant site in SF.No.128(p),129(p), 138(p), 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 163/1, 164, 165, 213, 214, 215 & 216 at Site No. 259, Part I Kanakashree House Building Cooperative society Ltd, Henur Road, Kannur village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore in the name of Smt. Lakshmi Devi, M/o Mr. V M Manjunath.
Reserve Price : Rs.1,62,00,000/- EMD: Rs.16,20,000/- BID MULTIPLER : Rs.1,00,000/-
Item No.2 : 3.09 Acres of Residential Alienated land in SF.No.544 at Babburu Village, Kasaba Hobli, Hiriyur Taluk, Chitradurga Dist in the name of Sri. R. Rajanna, S/o. Ramappa.
Reserve Price : Rs.2,40,00,000/- EMD: Rs.24,00,000/- BID MULTIPLER : Rs.1,00,000/-
Item No.3 : 3.00 Acres of Residential Alienated land in SF.No.541 at Babburu village, Kasaba Hobli, Hiriyur Taluk, Chitradurga Dist. In the name of Smt. B S Bhagyamma, W/o. Rajanna.
Reserve Price : Rs.1,85,00,000/- EMD: Rs.18,50,000/- BID MULTIPLER : Rs.1,00,000/-
Inspection date & time of above property : till 14.08.2020
DATE & TIME OF E- AUCTION : 19.08.2020 ; TIME 11.30 AM - 12.30 PM ;
(With unlimited extension of 5 minutes duration each till the conclusion of the sale)
The Earnest Money Deposit shall be deposited on or before 14-08-2020 before 5.00 PM
For detailed terms and conditions of the sale please refer the link "E-Auction" provided in Canara Bank's website (www.canarabank.com) or may contact **Chief Manager, Canara Bank, Tiruppur Main Branch, Tiruppur** (Ph.0421-2212690) E-mail : cb1246@canarabank.com / CRM & Recovery - 0421-2212510, 9445028364 during office hours on any working day.
Portal of E-Auction : www.bankeauctions.com
Place : Tiruppur
Date : 15-07-2020
AUTHORISED OFFICER
CANARA BANK

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LOST

I, C. Venkataswamy S/o Chinnakempaiah residing at No. 2652, "Ksheera Sagara", 8th 'B' Main Road, Banashankari II stage, Bangalore-560070, have lost the 5th sheet of the original **Sale deed, document No. 29594/2012-13 of the property No. 288, Sy, No. 207/1 , 2 , 208/1, 2A, 2B, 209, 210/1, 2, 211 and 212/1 by KSRTC Workers City Housing Co-operative Society known as Sarige Nagara 3rd Stage at Mysore,** while travelling by scooter from my residence to Banashankari BDA complex on 02.07.2020, **finders please contact: 9448301679**

NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY

ई–निविदा आमन्त्रण सूचना

पत्र सं. **WB-74-W-O/Works/**दिनांक: **15.07.2020.** मंडल रेल प्रबन्धक, इंजीनियरिंग, उत्तर पश्चिम रेलवे, जोधपुर द्वारा भारत के राष्ट्रपति के लिये एवं उनकी ओर से ई–निविदा के माध्यम से प्रचलित नियमो के अन्तर्गत निर्धारित प्रपत्रो में निविदा निम्न कार्यो के लिए क्रमानुसार आमंत्रित की जाती है–**ई–निविदा सूचना सं0 2020–21:** 70. **कार्य का नाम व स्थान:** Provision of Machine Siding along with resting facilities at Nokha station of MTD-BKN section under ADEN/Merta Road. **अनुमानित लागत रूपये:** Rs. 72,85,411.15 **बयाने की राशि रूपये:** Rs. 1,45,700.00 **ई–निविदा सूचना सं0 2020–21:** 71. **कार्य का नाम व स्थान:** Provision of Track Machine Siding along with resting facilities for TMC staff, Platform formachine siding including watering arrangement at Raniwara station of SMR-BLDI section under ADEN/Samdari. **अनुमानित लागत रूपये:** Rs. 93,35,914.64 **बयाने की राशि रूपये:** Rs. 1,86,700.00 **ई–निविदा सूचना सं0 2020–21:** 72. **कार्य का नाम व स्थान:** Zone contract Zone-5:- Service Building Loco Shed, Washing Line area at Jodhpur & other service Building at Jodhpur under ADEN/HQ/JU for year 2020 to 2022. **अनुमानित लागत रूपये:** Rs. 2,45,75,972.00 **बयाने की राशि रूपये:** Rs. 2,72,900.00 **ई–निविदा सूचना सं0 2020–21:** 73. **कार्य का नाम व स्थान:** Zone contract Zone-7:- Replacement and repairs including laying of water pipe line for Residential buildings and Service buildings under ADEN/HQ/ Jodhpur for Year 2020 to 2022. **अनुमानित लागत रूपये:** Rs. 1,99,70,748.00 **बयाने की राशि रूपये:** Rs. 2,49,900.00. निविदा सूचना संख्या **2020-21/70 to 73** निविदा प्रस्तुत करने की तिथि **07.08.2020** को **15.00** बजे तक है। वेबसाईट का विवरण जहाँ पर **ई–निविदा** देखी व भरी जा सकती है .**www.ireps.gov.in** **656-AJ/20**

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CHANGE OF NAME

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I, DEEPA, W/o No. 13622314Y Hav Shankarlal at The Para Regt TRG Center JC Nagar, Bengaluru-06, have changed my name from **DEEPA** to **DEEPA DEVI** vide affidavit Dated 14/07/2020 sworn before Notary Vijayalakshmi.K., Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, KALAVATI SHRISHAIL NILAJAGI, W/o JC 413645P Sub Nilajagi Shrishail Parappa at The Para Regt TRG Center JC Nagar, Bangalore-06, have changed my name from **KALAVATI** to **KALAVATI SHRISHAIL NILAJAGI** vide affidavit Dated 14/07/2020 sworn before Notary Vijayalakshmi.K., Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, PARAPPA MALLAPPA NILAJAGI, F/o JC 413645P Sub Nilajagi Shrishail Parappa at The Para Regt TRG Center JC Nagar, Bangalore-06, have changed my name from **NILAJAGI PARAPA MALLAPPA** to **PARAPPA MALLAPPA NILAJAGI** vide affidavit Dated 14/07/2020 sworn before Notary Vijayalakshmi.K., Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, GANGUBAI PARAPPA NILAJAGI, M/o JC 413645P Sub Nilajagi Shrishail Parappa at The Para Regt TRG Center JC Nagar, Bangalore-06, have changed my name from **GANGUBAI** to **GANGUBAI PARAPPA NILAJAGI** vide affidavit Dated 13/07/2020 sworn before Notary Y.R. Chandrasekar, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, NILAJAGI SWAPNIL SHRISHAIL, S/o JC 413645P Sub Nilajagi Shrishail Parappa at The Para Regt TRG Center JC Nagar, Bangalore-06, have changed my name from **SWAPNIL** to **NILAJAGI SWAPNIL SHRISHAIL** vide affidavit Dated 28/02/2020 sworn before Notary Y.R.Chandrasekar, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **NANDLAL SAHITA,** S/o. Late. Sunderdas Sahita, aged 85 years, R/at. Flat No. B-504, 5th floor, Wilson Manor Apartment 13th Cross, Wilson Garden, Bangalore-560027 do hereby solemnly affirm and state on oath as that I am also popularly known as **NANDLAL SACHDEV, NANDLAL SAHITA** & **NANDLAL SACHDEV** are one & the same person vide affidavit dated 07.07.2020 sworn to before Public Notary Veena.K

GOVERNMENT OF KERALA
KERALA STATE TRANSPORT PROJECT

Project Management Team, T.C. 11/339, Sree Bala Building, Keston Road, Nanthencode, Kowdiar (P.O), Thiruvananthapuram 695003, Kerala State, India Tel.: +91 0471 2318946, Telefax: + 91 0471 2318958/ 2318985, e-mail: pdkstp@gmail.com/cepmtkstp@gmail.com

Dated: 17.07.2020

CORRIGENDUM–2

Please refer this office Notification dated 30/06/2020, published in The New Indian Express, (All India Edition) and Mathurbhumi regional Daily News Paper on 30/06/2020 for the procurement of upgradation works under Rebuild Kerala Initiative in Wayanad and Kannur district.

The bid documents for the following works can be viewed /downloaded from the e-procurement portal of Kerala Government **https://etenders.kerala.gov.in/** from 27/07/2020 to 27/08/2020 (up to 16:00 Hrs. IST). Bids received online shall be opened on 27/08/2020 (at 16.30 hours IST). EMD, tender fee, Power of Attorney, joint bidding agreement, etc. shall be submitted physically by the Bidder on or before 27/08/2020 (up to 16:00 hours IST). Other details published in the Notification dated 30.06.2020 shall remain unchanged.

State	Bid No.	Name of work	Length Km	Completion Period	Maintenance Period
Kerala	KSTP II/ RKI-11	Up-gradation of road from Edoor to Palathumkadav in Kannur District under Rebuild Kerala Initiative	24.40 Km	24 Months	5 Years
Kerala	KSTP II/ RKI-12	Up-gradation of road from Uruvachal to Maruthaayi in Kannur District under Rebuild Kerala Initiative	20.50 km	24 Months	5 Years

Sd/-, Project Director, KSTP
Kerala State Transport Project, Thiruvananthapuram

STATE BANK OF INDIA

APPAREL PARK DODDABALLAPURA BRANCH, Bangalore Rural District.
e-mail: sbi.11287@sbi.co.in

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

SALE OF IMMOVABLE ASSET CHARGED TO THE BANK UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002

The undersigned as Authorized Officer of State Bank of India has taken possession of the following properties under section 13(4) of the SARFAESI Act. Public at large are informed that e-auction (under SARFAESI Act, 2002) of the charged properties in the below mentioned case for realization of Bank's dues will be held on **"AS IS WHERE IS BASIS** and **AS IS WHAT IS BASIS"** And on the terms and conditions specified hereunder.

Name & Address of the Borrower	**1) M/s. Bangalore Wadding Products S-46, S.No. Part of 81 & 82, Apparel Park, 1st Phase Industrial Area, Arehalliguddadahalli, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore Rural-561203. 2) Sri. Y Vamsidhar S/o Pulla Reddy, #104, 1st Floor, Viva Espana-2 #58/3, N S Infocity Doddaballapura Town, Bangalore Rural Dist-561203. 3) Asha P S W/o S Nandeshwarappa, Nandish Nilaya, 1st Parallel Road, Opp. Nirmala Nagara Home, Rajendra Nagara, Shimoga, Karnataka-577201.**
Name and Address of the Guarantor/ Co Borrower	
Outstanding Dues for recovery of which property is being sold	**Rs.1,24,92,476/- (Rupees: One Crore Twenty Four Lakh Ninety Two Thousand Four Hundred and Seventy Six rupees only) as on 29.08.2019 and interest, charges and expenses thereon**
Demand Notice Date	**29.06.2019**
Possession Notice Date	**31.08.2019**
Name of the Title Deed Holder	**M/s. Bangalore Wadding Products being represented by the Partners Sri. Y Vamsidhar S/o Pulla Reddy & Asha W/o S Nandeshwarappa.**
Description of property:	**All that piece and parcel of Land and building with Plot No. S-46-C, Apparel Park Phase 1, KIADB Industrial Area, Off Doddaballapura Highway Road Sy. No. 81 & 82 Arenahalli Guddadahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Doddaballapura-561203.Bounded: East: Plot No. S-47, West: Plot No. A-12 & A-13, Present 11th Main Road, North: Plot No. S-47, South: 18 mtr Wide KIADB Road .**
Date and Time of e-Auction	Date: **19.08.2020** Time: 60 Minutes from 11.00 AM to 12.00 Noon with unlimited extension of five minutes each
Reserve Price	**Rs.5,01,00,000.00 (Rupees: Five Crore One lakh Rupees Only)**
Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	**10% of the Reserve Price i.e. Rs 50,10,000.00 (Rupees: Fifty lakh Ten Thousand Rupees Only)**
EMD Remittance	Deposit through **NEFT/NEFT/RTFS.** Transfer in favour of **"State Bank of India Apparel Park, Doddaballapura Branch,** and Bangalore Rural District Collection Account" to the credit of **A/c No: 37608311786** with **State Bank of India, Apparel Park, Doddaballapura Branch,** and Bangalore Rural District. Branch Code:11287: IFSC Code: **SBIN0011287**
Bid Increment Amount	**Rs.10,000/-**
Last Date & Time for submission of request letter of participation /KYC Documents /Proof of EMD etc :	**On or before 17.08.2020, 4.00 PM**

Terms and Conditions of the E-auction are as under:

1. E-Auction is being held on **"AS IS WHERE IS"** and **"AS IS WHAT IS"** BASIS and will be conducted "Online". The auction will be conducted through the Bank's approved service provider M/s C1 India Private Limited, Noida at the web portal **(http: www.bankeauctions.com).** E-Auction Tender Document containing online e-auction bid form, Declaration, General Terms and Conditions of online auction sale are available in **www.bankeauctions.com, www.sbi.co.in and www.tenders.gov.in**
2. To the best of knowledge and information of the Authorized Officer, there is no encumbrance on the properties. However, intending bidders should make their own independent enquiries regarding the encumbrances, title of properties put on auction and claims/rights/dues affecting the properties, prior to submitting their bids. The Authorized Officer has taken symbolic possession of the property on **31.08.2019** the e-Auction advertisement does not constitute and will not be deemed to constitute any commitment or any representation of the bank. The property is being sold with all the existing and future encumbrances whether known or unknown to the Bank. The Authorized Officer/ Secured Creditor shall not be responsible in any way for any third party claims/rights/dues.
3. The bidders are required to deposit EMD amount through **NEFT/RTGS/BC/DD** payable at & drawn in favoring **SBI, Apparel Park, Doddaballapura Branch, Bangalore Rural District** in the **A/c No: 37608311786** Name of the Account **State Bank of India, Apparel Park, Doddaballapura Branch, Bangalore Rural District** Collection Account" with State Bank of India, **Apparel Park, Doddaballapura Branch, Bangalore Rural District** IFSC Code No. SBIN0011287.
4. The bidders shall hold a valid digital signature certificate and valid E-mail ID and E-mail ID is absolutely necessary for the intending bidder as all the relevant information and allotment of ID and password by M/s. C1 Indian Pvt. Ltd may be conveyed through e-mail. In Case of joint bidders an authorization letter signed by all the bidders, authorizing actual bidders (within one among them who is holding an digital signature) to submit and participate in the bid on their behalf should be attached to the bid form and similarly in case the bidder is a Company a copy of the Resolution passed by the Board of Directors authorizing the actual bidder who is holding valid digital signature to participate in the bid on their behalf should be attached.

The bidders should submit the evidence for EMD deposit like UTR number along with Bid forms, self-attested copies of (i) Proof of Identification(KYC) i.e. Voter ID Card/Driving License/Passport etc., (ii) Current Address-Proof for communication, (iii) PAN Card of the bidder, (iv) valid e-mail ID, (v) contact number (Mobile/landline) of the bidder etc. to the Authorized Officer of **State Bank of India Apparel Park, Doddaballapura Branch, Bangalore Rural District** Branch by **17.08.2020 on or before 4.00 P.M.**

5. Names of the eligible bidders will be identified by the State Bank of India,**Apparel Park, Doddaballapura Branch,** to participate in online e-auction on the portal www.bankeauctions.com. M/s C1 India Private Limited will provide User ID and Password after due verification of PAN of the Eligible Bidders.
6. It shall be the responsibility of the interested bidders to inspect and satisfy themselves about the properties before submission of the bid.
7. The e-Auction/bidding of above properties would be conducted exactly on the scheduled date and time by way of inter-se bidding amongst the bidders. The bidder shall improve their offer in multiple of the amount mentioned under the column "Bid Increment Amount". In case bid is placed in the last 5 minutes of the closing time of the e-Auction, the closing time will automatically get extended for 5 minutes. The bidder who submits the highest bid amount (not below the Reserve Price) on closure of e-Auction process shall be declared as successful bidder and a communication to that effect will be issued through electronic mode which shall be subject to approval by the Authorized Officer/Secured Creditor.
8. The Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) of the successful bidder shall be retained towards part sale consideration and the EMD of unsuccessful bidders shall be refunded. The Earnest Money Deposit shall not bear any interest. The successful bidder shall have to deposit 25% of the sale price immediately on acceptance of bid price by the Authorized Officer and the balance of the sale price on or before 15th day of sale or within such extended period as agreed upon in writing and solely at the discretion of the Authorized Officer. Default in deposit of amount by the successful bidder would entail forfeiture of the whole money, already deposited and such property shall be put to re-auction and the defaulting bidder shall have no claim/right in respect of such property/amount.
9. The qualified bidders may avail online training on e-Auction from M/s C1 India Private Limited prior to the date of e-Auction. Neither the Authorized Officer/Bank nor M/s C1 India Private Limited shall be held responsible for any Internet Network problem/Power failure/any other technical lapses/failure etc. In order to ward-off such contingent situation, interested bidders are requested to ensure that they are technically well equipped with adequate power back-up etc. for successfully participating in the e-Auction event.
10. The purchaser shall bear the applicable stamp duties/additional stamp duty/transfer, charges, fee etc. and also all the statutory/non-statutory dues, taxes, rates, assessment charges, fee etc. owing to anybody.
11. The Authorized Officer/Bank is not bound to accept the highest offer and has the absolute right to accept or reject any or all offer(s) or adjourn/postpone/cancel the e-Auction or withdraw any property or portion thereof from the auction proceedings at any stage without assigning any reason there for.
12. The Sale Certificates will be issued in the name of the purchaser(s)/applicant(s) only and will not be issued in any other name.
13. The sale shall be subject to rules/conditions prescribed under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.
14. For further details regarding inspection of immovable properties the intending bidders may contact the **Branch Manager, Apparel Park, Doddaballapura Branch, Bangalore Rural District** during office hours, Phone No.**9449866240** or Bank's approved Resolution Agent, Nagarjuna Enterprises **8660508123** and also may contact the Bank's approved service provider M/s. C1 India Pvt. Ltd. C-104, Sector-2, Noida-201301(UP),HelplineNo.+91-120-4888888, +91-9900711744, Helpline e-mail ID: support@bankeauctions.com, for any information on procedure of e-auction.

Date: 16-07-2020 **Authorized Officer**
Place: Apparel Park, Doddaballapura Branch, **State Bank of India, RBO-01, FIMM, Mysore**

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NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

The General Manager (South Zone), Bangalore invites for and on behalf of Managing Director, U.P.R.N.N. Ltd., online percentage rate bids in two bid system for the following work: **NIT No.: 22/GM/SZ/UPRNN/PU Works/ 2020-21 Dated 10.07.2020 Name of work: Construction of Girls Hostel Block (Phase-I) at Pondicherry University Campus, Kalapet-Pondicherry. Estimated Bid Value: Rs. 1698.00 Lacs. Last time and date of submission of bid: 3:00 PM on Dt. 05.08.2020.** The bid forms and other details can be obtained / downloaded from the website **https://etender.up.nic.in.** **G.M. (South Zone)**

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CORRIGENDUM

Tender No.: ELCORE-OHE-EPC-08-Re (Open Tender) **Closing Date/Time** 04.08.2020 11:00

Name Of Work: EPC TENDER: Request for Proposal For Electrification of Railway Lines of the various sections of Northern Railway Total RKM / TKM 880.04/1024.30 On Engineering, Procurement & Construction (EPC) Mode. [Bid/Package No. EPC-08].

Items Modified: NIT Header

Field Name	Existing Value	Modified Value
Tender Closing Date Time	28.07.2020 11:00	04.08.2020 11:00
Bidding Start Date	14.07.2020	21.07.2020
Advertised Value (INR)	5775896392.73	5681492414.87

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DEMAND NOTICE

Under Section 13 (2) of the Securitisation And Reconstruction Of Financial Assets And Enforcement Of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Whereas the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of **Housing Development Finance Corporation Ltd. (HDFC Limited)** under Securitisation And Reconstruction Of Financial Assets And Enforcement Of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued Demand Notice under Section 13 (2) of the said Act, calling upon the Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) listed hereunder, to pay the amounts mentioned in the Demand Notice, within 60 days from the date of the said Notice, as per details given below. The undersigned have, caused/are getting the said Notice to be pasted on the premises of the last known respective addresses of the said Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s). Copies of the said Notice are available with the undersigned, and the said Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s), may, if they so desire, collect the respective copy from the undersigned on any working day during normal office hours.

In connection with the above, Notice is hereby given, once again, to the said Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) to pay to HDFC Limited, within 60 days from the date of publication of this Notice, the amount indicated hereinbelow in their name(s), together with further interest @ 18% p.a. as detailed in the said Demand Notice from the date mentioned below in column (c) till the date of payment and / or realisation, read with the loan agreement and other documents/writings, if any, executed by the said Borrower(s). As security for due repayment of the loan, the following Secured Asset has been mortgaged to HDFC Limited by the said Borrower (s) respectively.

Attention of the Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) is invited to the provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured asset.

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative (s)	Total Outstanding Dues	Date of Demand Notice	(Description of Secured Asset in respect of which Security Interest has been created)
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
1	**Borrowers : (1) Mr. R Madhusudana Reddy,** Villa No 269, Brick Field Shelters, Sy No 57, Bendiganahalli, Attibele Hobli, Anekal tq, Bengaluru 562107 **(2) Mr. R Madhusudana Reddy,** 1-62-2, Matlivaripalli, Yerravaripalem, Udayamanikyam, Chittoor, Andhra Pradesh 517194 **(3) Mr. R Madhusudana Reddy,** Accenture Services Private Limited, **Designation:** MCA, **Department:** IT, Tower 7C Pritech Park, RMZ ECO Space, Bellandur, Sarjapur Outer Ring Road, Martaahalli, Bengaluru-560103 **(4) Mr. R Madhusudana Reddy,** Unit-Plot-242 NBR Trifecta, Kodiyalam Village, Sevaganapalli, Hosur 635109 **(5) Mr. R Madhusudana Reddy,** Unit-Plot-241, NBR Trifecta, Kodiyalam Village, Sevaganapalli, Hosur-635109, **Co-Borrower: (1) Mrs. Vangala Geetha Reddy,** Villa No 269, Brick Field Shelters, Sy No 57, Bendiganahalli, Attibele Hobli, Anekal tq, Bengaluru 562107 **(2) Mrs. Vangala Geetha Reddy,** 3-12-92/74, Rock Hills Colony, Mansoorabad Chintalakunta, K V Rangareddy, LB Nagar, Telangana-500074 **(3) Mrs. Vangala Geetha Reddy,** Unit-Plot-242 NBR Trifecta, Kodiyalam Village, Sevaganapalli, Hosur-635109 **(4) Mrs. Vangala Geetha Reddy** Unit-Plot-241 NBR Trifecta, Kodiyalam Village, Sevaganapalli, Hosur-635109	Loan A/c No. 631789258 **Rs.21,62,704/-** & 631789399 **Rs. 22,20,270/-** as on 30.04.2020	11.06.2020	**Item 1- Loan Account No. 631789258 :** In Kodiyalam Village of Hosur Taluk, attached to Hosur Sub Registration District, Krishnagiri Registration District of Krishnagiri District the lands bearing 1) Sy.No.144/1, Dry Ext.Hec. 13.92.5, Asst Rs.47.07 np., 2) Sy.No.104/1, Dry Ext.Hec.5.63.5 Asst Rs. 19.05 np.,and as per new sub division Sy.No.104/1B2, Dry Ext. Hec.0.40.5, Asst Rs.1.37np., (In Ac.1.00), 3) Sy.No.134/1, Dry Ext.Hec. 0.54.0, Asst Rs.1.83 np., (In Ac. 1.33 cents), 4) Sy.No.110/3A, Dry Ext Hec. 2.17.5 (or) Ac.5.37 cents, 5) Sy.No.145/1A, Dry Ext. Hec.0.28.0, Asst Rs.0.95 np., (In Ac.0.69 cents), 6) Sy.No.145/1B, Dry Ext. Hec.0.28.0, Asst Rs. 0.94 np., (In Ac.0.69 cents), 7) Sy.No.145/2A1A, Dry Ext.Hec. 0.08.0, Asst Rs.0.30 np.,(In Ac.0.20 cents), 8) Sy.No.145/2B1A, Dry Ext.Hec.0.08.0,Asst Rs.0.30 np., (In Ac. 0.20 Cents), 9) Sy.No.145/2A2, Dry Ext. Hec.0.40.5, Asst Rs.1.38 np., 10) Sy. No.109/3A, Dry Ext. Hec.0.86.5 Asst Rs.2.92 np.,(In Ac. 2.14 cents), 11) Sy. No.109/3B, Dry Ext. Hec.1.21.0 Asst Rs.4.00 np.,(In Ac.3.00), 12) Sy. No.105/2B, Dry Ext. Hec. 0.30.0, Asst Rs.1.01 np., (In Ac.0.74 cents), 13) Sy. No.145/2A2, Dry Ext. Hec. 0.40.5 Asst Rs.1.38 np.,(In Ac.1.00 cents), 14) Sy. No.145/2C2, Dry Ext. Hec.0.12.5, Asst Rs.0.43 np., (In Ac.0.31 cents), 15) Sy. No.109/1, Dry Ext. Hec.0.93.0, Asst Rs.3.14 np., (In Ac.2.30 cents), 16) Sy. No.110/3, Dry Ext. Hec.0.60.5, Asst Rs.2.05 np., (In Ac.1.50 cents), 17) Sy. No.105/4B, Dry Ext. Hec.1.65.5, Asst Rs.5.60 np., (In Ac.4.09 cents) altogether making total extent of Ac.49.02 cents lands have been converted into residential layout under the name and style of "NBR TRIFECTA" and the same has been approved by the Director of Town and Country Planning, Chennai Vide Approval No.Ma.Va/Na.U.E.No.11/2017, and out of that the schedule mentioned properties are one of the house plots bearing Plot No.242,measuring: East to West on Northern side : 60 feet, East to West on Southern side : 60 Feet, North to South on Eastern side : 40 feet, North to South on Western side : 40 feet, Total measuring an area of 2400 Sq.feet situated within the following boundaries: East : Plot No.245, West : 60 feet road, North : Polt No.243, South : Polt No.241, The above said plot comes under Sy.No.144/1 and along with any construction thereon. **Item 2- Loan Account No. 631789399 :** In Kodiyalam Village of Hosur Taluk, attached to Hosur Sub Registration District, Krishnagiri Registration District of Krishnagiri District the lands bearing 1) Sy.No.144/1, Dry Ext.Hec. 13.92.5, Asst Rs.47.07 np., 2) Sy.No.104/1, Dry Ext.Hec.5.63.5 Asst Rs. 19.05 np.,and as per new sub division Sy.No.104/1B2, Dry Ext. 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2	**Borrowers : (1) Mrs. R Anuradha,** No.689, 3rd Main,OMBR Layout, Banaswadi, Near Water Tank, Kalyananagar, Bengaluru 560043, **(2) Mrs. R Anuradha,** Nispana Innovative Platforms Private Limited, Designation: Director, Sivanik No 270, 2nd Floor, 14th Cross, Indiranagar, Bengaluru 560038 **(3) Mrs. R Anuradha,** Flat-202, First Floor, Nishi Palace Apartment, Hennur Road, Banaswadi Road Layout,1st Block, Ward No 88 Bengaluru 560043 **Co-Borrower : (1) Mr. Narendra Kumar M P,** No.689, 3rd Main,OMBR Layout, Banaswadi, Near Water Tank, Kalyananagar, Bengaluru 560 043 **(2) Mr. Narendra Kumar M P,** Nispana Innovative Platforms Private Limited, Designation: Director, Sivanik No 270, 2nd Floor, 14th Cross, Indiranagar, Bengaluru 560 038 **(3) Mr. Narendra Kumar M P,** Flat-202, First Floor, Nishi Palace Apartment, Hennur Road, Banaswadi Road Layout, 1st Block, Ward No 88 Bengaluru 560 043	Loan A/c No. 626971800 **Rs.33,52,321/-** & 626971996 **Rs.26,55,760/-** as on 31.05.2020	23.06.2020	All that piece and parcel of residential 2 bed room apartment bearing No.202, in the 1st Floor, of the building known as "NISHI PALACE", having a super built up area of 1080 Sq. Feet along with one covered car parking space provided in stilt Floor with proportionate share of 300 sq. feet of undivided share, right title and interest in the land bearing Site No.9AM-225, Site No.9M-226, situated at Hennur Road, Banaswadi Road Layout, 1st Block, formed by the Bangalore Development Authority, Bangalore, Now Corporation Municipal No.9M-226, HRBR Layout, 1st Block, Corporation Ward No.88, PID No. 88-250-9M-226, Bangalore.
3	**Borrowers : (1) Mr. Santhosh C M,** No 1074, 11thCross, Near Power House, J P Nagar 1st Phase, Bengaluru 560078 **(2) Mr. Santhosh C M** Brown Forman Worldwide L.L.C, Designation: Associate Regional Manager, **Department:** Marketing, **Employee No:** 29264, Unit No.701-702, 7th Floor, Time Tower, Sector 28, MG Road, Gurgaon, Haryana 122002 **(3) Mr. Santhosh C M,** Flat-02, Ground Floor, S2 Avantikaa Apartment, S No 1/1, Chikkadunnasandra Vilalge, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Tq, Bengaluru-562125	Loan A/c No. 628345852 **Rs.40,63,015/-** & 629017393 **Rs. 1,57,129/-** as on 31.05.2020	23.06.2020	All that piece and parcel of residential Two bedroom flat bearing No.G02, in the Ground Floor, of the apartment building known as "S2 AVANTIKAA", having a super built up area of 1095 Sq. feet with one covered car parking space with proportionate share of 339.45 sq. feet of undivided share, right title and interest in the land bearing Sy No.1/1, situated at Chikkadunnasandra Vilalge, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District, converted to residential purpose by order No.ALN SR(A) 47/95-96 D.T.26/06/2013 from the Assistant Commissioner, Bangalore District.

*with further interest @ 18% p.a. as applicable, incidental expenses, costs, charges etc incurred till the date of payment and / or realization. If the said Borrower (s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) fail to make payment to HDFC Limited as aforesaid, then HDFC Limited shall proceed against the above Secured Asset / Immovable Property under Section 13 (4) of the said Act and the applicable Rules entirely at the risk of the said Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) as to the costs and consequences.

The said Borrower (s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) are prohibited under the said Act to transfer the aforesaid Secured Asset / Immovable Property, whether by way of sale, lease or otherwise without the prior written consent of HDFC Limited. Any person who contravenes or abets contravention of the provisions of the Act or Rules made thereunder shall be liable for imprisonment and/or penalty as provided under the Act.

Date: 17.07.2020 **For Housing Development Finance Corporation Ltd**
Place: Bangalore **Sd/- Authorised Officer,**

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Malladi Subbarao, father-in-law of techie Lavanya Lahari who took her own life two weeks ago at Shamshabad, was arrested on Thursday

Investors lured by promise of huge returns

Smugglers enticed six financiers to put in around Rs 8 crore to sneak in gold through T'puram airport: Customs

TOBY ANTONY @Kochi

WHEN Customs officers probing the smuggling of gold through the diplomatic channel reached the luxurious house of Said Alavi, a financier at Vengara in Malappuram, to take him into custody, he kept his automated gates open, expecting them. Financiers like him were lured to invest in gold knowing that it was coming through the illegal channel.

Jalaal A M of Muvattupuzha and K T Rameez of Malappuram had been enticing the investors into gold smuggling for the past few years, promising them big returns. According to the Customs, six financiers had invested around Rs 8 crore in the last bid to smuggle in 30kg of gold through Thiruvananthapuram airport alone, which was foiled.

Financiers Said Alavi and Mohammed Anwar T M exit the Economic Offences Court in Kochi on Thursday | P SANESH

"They were promised almost double the money they invested in a short period. The major investors were 60-year-old Said Alavi and 51-year-old Hamjad Ali of Kondotty. Both have big villas and own several luxurious cars. They were lured by the masterminds of the network. We suspect that the financiers invested money in gold smuggling through the same network since September last year," a Customs officer said.

Hamjad Ali, a Gulf returnee, has been into modular kitchen business for the past two years. He has a factory in Palakkad and an office in Kochi. His Mercedes Benz car was seized by the Customs.

Said Alavi is into multiple businesses in Malappuram. "Alavi's villa was so large that we could not photograph it in one frame. Hamjad Ali told us that he had invested after borrowing money from other persons," the officer said.

Mohammed Anwar T M of Manjeri, another investor arrested in the case, told the Customs that he is a small-scale contractor. "He invested money so that he could get construction works of the UAE Consulate office in Hyderabad. He had also borrowed money and is now worried as to how he will return the money."

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has also started investigating the assets owned by the financiers and their sources of funds. It will proceed with freezing the bank accounts and attach properties of the accused as it has detected black money and hawala transactions behind the illegal gold business.

CORONA CHAOS

TN RECORDS 4,549 NEW COVID CASES

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THE State reported 4,549 fresh Covid-19 cases and 69 related deaths on Thursday, driving up the tally to 1,56,369 and the toll to 2,236.

While Chennai's share to the tally and the toll were 1,157 and 23 respectively, neighbouring Tiruvallur district reported its biggest single-day tally of 526. Cases continued to spike in southern districts as well and Madurai alone reported 267 fresh cases and five deaths on the day.

Sources said TN Minister for Labour and Employment Dr Nilofer Kafeel has tested positive. She is the fourth Minister in Tamil Nadu to test positive, after KP Anbalagan (Higher Education) Sellur K Raju (Cooperation) and P Thangamani (Electricity).

Meanwhile, a nine-month-old child succumbed to the infection in Puducherry as the Union Territory reported its biggest single-day surge of 147 cases on Thursday, taking the tally to 1,743.

According to the media bulletin issued by the Directorate of Public Health, Tamil Nadu tested 45,888 samples and 44,186 persons on the day. Among the deceased, six didn't have comorbidities.

> An analysis of the deaths in Tamil Nadu showed that the mortality rate in the 0-20 age-group is very rare and the deaths that happened in this age group should be studied further
>
> C Vijayabaskar, Health Minister

Meanwhile Health Minister C Vijayabaskar and Health Secretary J Radhakrishnan inspected the Government Hospital for Women and Children, Egmore, and interacted with doctors and other health workers on the care being given to pregnant woman and new mothers who tested positive for Covid-19.

Speaking to media persons after the inspection, the Health Minister said that so far 1,606 pregnant women infected with Covid-19 have been treated in government hospitals and 1,104 among were cured and sent back home with their new born.

In the last three months at the Government Hospital for Women and Children, Egmore alone, 400 pregnant women with Covid-19 have been admitted and among them 374 gave birth and were discharged, while the remaining are on treatment.

PM Modi heaps praise on Tirukkural yet again

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PRIME Minister Narendra Modi, who used to quote Tirukkural couplets on important occasions, once again heaped praise on the text, on Thursday. "The Tirukkural is extremely inspiring. It is a treasure of rich thoughts, noble ideals and great motivation. The words of respected Tiruvalluvar have the power to spread hope and brightness. I hope more youngsters across India read it," Modi said in his tweets in English and Tamil.

He posted the tweets referring to an article written by senior journalist Maalan on the occasions Modi had quoted Tirukkural in the past.

Thanking the PM, AIADMK spokesperson Vaigaichelvan, in a tweet, re-iterated the party's long-pending demand to declare Tirukkural a national book.

Meanwhile, Deputy Chief Minister O Panneerselvam, in a statement here, thanked the PM for urging the youth to read Tirukkural.

NATURE TAKES OVER

The boundary walls of a temple within the Bindusagar lake are covered with creepers and unwanted vegetation in the absence of maintenance in Bhubaneswar on Thursday | BISWANATH SWAIN

EXPRESS READ

TDP MPs complain to President against YSRC govt

Vijayawada: A group of TDP MPs called on President Ram Nath Kovind in New Delhi and sought his intervention to prevent the YSRC government from continuing its "unconstitutional, undemocratic and corrupt" regime in Andhra Pradesh. The delegation of TDP Lok Sabha MPs included Galla Jayadev, Kesineni Srinivas (Nani) and K Ram Mohan Naidu and Rajya Sabha MP Kanakamedala Ravindra Kumar. The MPs told the President that the YSRC government was relentlessly pursuing "anti-people" policies and in the process pushing the State towards jungle raj. ENS

Mahadayi: Karnataka yet to get legal team

NAUSHAD BIJAPUR @Belagavi

WHILE the government of Goa is fighting a legal battle in the Supreme Court to prevent diverting water from Mahadayi river, it has come to light that Karnataka is yet to have its legal team in place.

The State Government recently removed all members of its legal team on the Mahadayi issue in the Supreme Court except for senior advocate Mohan Katarki, highly placed sources said. "It is highly impossible for one man to handle a major case like Mahadayi. Considering the seriousness of the issue, the State Government should immediately reactivate its legal team in New Delhi," sources added.

Meanwhile, merely a week after the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change sought a fresh proposal from Karnataka Government for allotment of forest lands on Goa border for the Mahadayi project (Kalasa-Banduri), the Supreme Court responded positively to Goa's request for having in-person hearings. The court's decision has put brakes on the Karnataka's ongoing efforts to get the case expedited through virtual hearing.

The Supreme Court will hold a virtual hearing on August 14 to finalise the date for having an in-person hearing into the Mahadayi case. The

Goa Government had recently filed a petition with the court against having an online-hearing into any of the applications pertaining to the Mahadayi petitions.

Goa Chief Minister Pramod Sawant told media persons in Panaji that the issue of Mahadayi being important for them, Karnataka and Maharashtra, his government wanted a personal hearing.

Mohan Katarki, the lone member left in Karnataka's legal team, said it would be impossible to virtually take up this case in the apex court given the mammoth size of documents the court and the legal teams would have to refer.

In order to ensure an effective hearing, Katarki said, it would be better to have an in-person hearing. He said the SC's decision to respond positively to Goa's request for in-person hearing was not a setback for Karnataka.

SSLC EVALUATORS EXEMPT FROM LOCKDOWN

PEARL MARIA D'SOUZA
@Bengaluru

THE Secondary School Leaving Certificate (SSLC) board exam results are not likely to be too delayed, with the Karnataka government reversing its earlier decision on evaluation of board papers during the week-long lockdown in Bengaluru Urban and Rural. Teachers will now be allowed to join in the evaluation.

Minister for Primary and Secondary Education Suresh Kumar had on July 12 said that all but these two districts would hold evaluations from July 14 to 22. The lockdown went into effect, but just two days later, Chief Secretary Vijay Bhaskar exempted SSLC evaluation from the restrictions. The department arranged buses for teachers to reach their centres, yet, the lack of transport remained a major problem, leading to poor turnout.

SSLC director Sumangala, however, maintained silence on how many evaluators actually turned up across the state, especially in Bengaluru Urban and Rural.

A top official claimed that up to 80% teachers were present, however, other sources said not more than 50-60% attended the evaluation.

While this casts uncertainty over how long it will take teachers to complete the evaluation process, Karnataka State High School Assistant Teachers' Association president H K Manjunath was fairly confident that it would not take more than 10-12 days, which is the usual time taken for evaluation.

Manjunath was satisfied with the government's arrangements for evaluators in the state, and agreed that there were some problems in Bengaluru city and rural areas, where evaluation was not being allowed. The two regions, he said, have an estimated evaluation staff of 6,000.

He said the additional 10,000 teachers the State has commissioned as evaluators in various districts, have helped speed up the evaluation process. These have substituted those teachers who were exempt from being part of evaluation due to age, etc. At least 50% evaluation was complete in many districts, he said.

Teachers can work from home till July 31

Bengaluru: As the number of Covid-19 cases continue to increase in the State, the Department of Higher Education, MHRD, has directed teachers to work from home till July 31. The State government has said this was applicable to all teachers, non-teaching staffers and researchers among others, except for those evaluating SSLC answer scripts and deployed for Covid-19 duties. The school managements have to collect the contact details and e-mail IDs from teachers. Teachers told TNIE that earlier, despite the MHRD's directive, both SSLC and CBSE schools were asking them to come to work putting them and their families at risk, since some of their peers were from high risk areas.

Students to get 50% rebate on exam fee

Bengaluru: As the mid-term semester exams have been called off, graduate, postgraduate and diploma students will get a 50 per cent rebate on the the next semester's exam fee, Deputy Chief Minister Dr C N Ashwath Narayan said on Wednesday. As a few universities had already collected the exam fee, students had been demanding a refund. Responding to this, the minister said as this wasn't possible, the government decided to offer a 50 per cent rebate on the next exam.

Despite positive cases TTD won't halt darshans

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Tirumala

AS many as 140 employees of the Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD), including 14 archakas, have tested positive for Covid-19 since darshan of Srivaru was resumed for devotees. But the TTD has no plans of stopping darshan.

After 14 archakas tested positive for the virus, TTD Trust Board chairman YV Subba Reddy held a meeting with the archakas on Thursday to take stock of the situation and enure the daily 'kainkaryams' to the Srivaru are not disrupted in case of any eventuality.

"So far, 140 employees tested positive for the virus. Of them, 70 have recovered and some of them returned to work. Only one employee is in the ICU. We are monitoring the situation," Subba Reddy told the media.

He added that the archakas suggested they be given separate accommodation and meals so they can stay in isolation. The TTD chairman added that so far, no devotees who arrived for Srivari darshan tested positive for Covid.

Mass marriage event may not happen

ASHWINI M SRIPAD @Bengaluru

THE State Government's ambitious mass marriage programme – Sapthapadi – might not happen this year.

Under Sapthapadi, 1,000 couples will tie the knot and the bride and groom will be given Rs 55,000 that includes 8 gm of mangalsutra and silk clothes. The event will take place in 100 temples owned by the State Endowment Department.

The government had earlier scheduled to hold it on April 26 and May 24. In fact, they had done some preparations, including publicising it. But due to the pandemic-induced lockdown, the government could not conduct it. Later, the government announced that it will be held in July and August. This was widely criticised as the government was going ahead with it despite the Covid crisis.

Speaking to The New Indian Express, Rohini Sindhuri, Commissioner of Endowment Department, said though the event is now scheduled to be held in July and August, it is unlikely that they will go ahead with it due to the prevailing situation.

"We might not be able to hold it this year at all," she said. However, sources from the Endowment Department said that hundreds of people had registered for July and August. "We have to intimate them," sources said.

This apart, the government will be strictly monitoring fairs during Shravana masa (auspicious month) which will start in the next few days. "Fairs are nothing but people gathering in one place which is already prohibited under the Ministry of Home Affairs guidelines. Under this, people cannot gather in one place. There will be no fairs and chariot pulling this year," official sources said.

Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (RDPR) Minister K S Eshwarappa said, "Festivals and fairs are part of our culture. But going by this situation, these cannot be allowed. Villagers understand the situation and we are sure they will not organise any fair."

A nurse walks through an empty ward at Osmania General Hospital in Hyderabad on Thursday. Drain water flooded the ground floor of the building after the city received incessant rains. Patients from all six wards were shifted to different locations. To resolve the issue temporarily, a team of engineers was formed to find out the source of flooding. "We suspect that a newly-laid road on the temple side of the old block has blocked a catchment pit that side," said Goshamahal Deputy Commissioner Vinay Kapoor | EXPRESS, VINAY MADAPU

Happy to not be sitting idle, says lawyer

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"OUR village is the biggest Gram Panchayat in Maddur taluk, with a population of about 9,000. But there are hardly any chaat centres. That's when I decided to pitch the idea to my brother and together, we decided to start a chaat joint. With an investment of Rs 10,000, we turned one of the front rooms in our house into a chaat centre," **Prathap Gowda V S** said.

The eatery opened last month and Prathap has been dishing out Paani Puri, Masala Puri, egg rice, Gobi Manchurian, omelettes and other dishes. As word spread, people started coming for takeaways. "We do business of about Rs 1,500 every day, but there's not much profit right now. We're happy that we're not sitting idle. We get vegetables in the morning and keep everything ready by 3pm when our shop opens. We are also making sure that we use disposable biodegradable plates.

"No job is big or small. We don't know how long we will have to deal with the Coronavirus, but till then, I will work here. I can get back to my law profession later," he added.

EDITORIAL

Is it we who invent the stories and thus inform the land, or does the land give us the stories, thus inventing us?

Paula Gunn Allen

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— Ramnath Goenka

WHY ASSAM'S GOLDEN TIGER IS NOT EXACTLY GOOD NEWS

Like the proverbial silver lining in the dark clouds of the current times, from the flood-hit Kaziranga National Park appeared a tigress with golden fur. The picture of Kazi 106-F, as the female tiger is known, went viral after an Indian Forest Service officer shared it on social media. Soon after, the national park authorities put out a note stating that there were four tigers with such colour similarities in the tiger reserve. If Assam found Kazi's golden velvety coat from camera-trap captures in 2014, Odisha had discovered black (melanistic) tigers in Similipal way back in 2008. However, Kaziranga's research officer Rabindra Sharma was quick to put the 'social media star' hype around Kazi 106-F in perspective by pointing out that excessive inbreeding could be the biological reason behind colour aberration, which he said is not exactly a matter of celebration. Tigers resort to inbreeding when their population is almost islanded without connectivity to other landscapes, which is mainly caused by habitat loss and destruction of corridors. Be it black or golden, there is not much to be joyous about such a trend. In 2013, a joint study by the National Centre for Biological Sciences and Cardiff University had flagged the concern that Indian tigers no longer possess 93% of their genetic variation.

The golden tiger news comes at a critical time. The Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change is jubilant that the 2018 tiger estimates entered the Guinness World Records for being the world's biggest wildlife survey. At the same time, there is growing concern about key tiger corridors facing a threat from coal mines, the auction process of which was initiated last month. Some states immediately voiced concern and upon Maharashtra's request, the Union Coal Ministry withdrew the auction of the Bander coal block that was close to the Tadoba-Andhari tiger reserve. The healthy rise in head count should be no reason for complacency over conservation of big cats in India, which remains the world's biggest home for tigers, as there is immense pressure from development and infrastructure. Giving tigers inviolate and expanding habitats apart, the Centre must focus on their genetic security too.

VIRAL WAVE THREATENS TO LASH TIRUCHY

As Chennai's viral wave slowly seems to be ebbing, the sprays of the tide are being felt in the so far 'better-off' district of Tiruchy, which is emerging as the new exploratory ground for Covid-19. The first alarm bell went unheard on June 22, when an employee at a jewellery store in the city's shopping hub tested positive, and the store continued to function. Later, 107 people linked to that store tested positive. On July 11, seven of the 187 vegetable and fruit traders tested positive, with four of them being index cases (i.e. the source of infection could not be traced). The authorities realised their mistake of not keeping the traders, who were tested a week before, in isolation. There is a possibility of transmission from them during that week. Tiruchy had recorded 310 cases till mid-June, but by July 15, the number had shot up to 1,814. The initial push came from Chennai returnees as the capital went into an intense lockdown from June 19. The district has since been climbing up the tally ladder, from under 10 cases to around 50 cases every day. The first big jump was on June 29, with 90 cases being reported. The surge has since continued, with 117 cases reported the next day itself.

District officials have admitted to having been lax on contact tracing. Tracing and isolation of patients and contacts remain a problem, especially in the city's crowded areas, though the civic body is being more careful now. The district also carried out fewer number of tests. Even till July 3, only around 700 samples were tested daily. However, authorities have ramped up testing to over 1,000 samples a day during the past week. The district's mortality rate of 1.8% is also higher than the official state figure of 1.4%, with Tiruchy city accounting for 17 of the 23 deaths so far.

With the district being projected to have around 4,800 cases by the end of July, it is time to brace for the load by taking the Chennai-style, proactive method of tracing, testing and door-to-door screening. The Delta region, being the rice bowl of Tamil Nadu, can ill-afford to slacken in its battle against the virus.

It has been assumed that since Kashmir was geographically isolated, she was also historically secluded from the rest of the subcontinent. This is unhistorical and untrue

THE SILENCE ON KASHMIR'S HISTORICAL IDENTITY

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At the last edition of *TNIE's* Odisha LitFest, a panel discussion was perceptively titled *Writing on Kashmir: Smoke and Mirrors*. The phrase alludes to misconceptions and misrepresentations that obscure the truth about something. As I said at the time, this was a most appropriate theme to highlight in the context of Kashmir. For while it is fashionable to speak of the existence of multiple contesting narratives on the Valley, there seems to be little pause for thought on the veracity of the most influential of these so-called narratives. In the course of researching my book *The Making of Early Kashmir*, which came out in 2018, I had my full brush with the smoke and mirrors that indeed envelop the beleaguered Valley—a whole array of misrepresentations about Kashmir which largely consist of assumptions rather than historical knowledge, and yet which seem to have become definitive of 'the Kashmir problem'.

Indeed this country as a whole, not to say Kashmiris themselves, seem to be far more invested in Kashmir's politics than her history. Even when history is invoked, commentators typically speak only about the last 30 years of armed insurgency, or the last 70 years since 1947, or the last 170 years, i.e., 1846, the Treaty of Amritsar when the Dogras took over as the rulers of Jammu and Kashmir. Somehow it is thought to be adequate to go thus far back and no further to understand Kashmiri identity.

This is extremely short term and myopic and the problem with that is that historical identities of regions do not form in the short term! Typically they are accretionary, cumulative, emerging out of a myriad processes of interface with other regions, and are always in the long term. But there has been little engagement in public discourse with this *longue durée* identity of Kashmir. We hear a great deal about relatively recent and constructed political identities of Kashmiris, but we don't hear about their historically evolved selfhood.

And this silence about her historical identity is what has given rise to two pieces of major disinformation. One, that Kashmir has somehow had a unique and special status, and two, that Kashmir was never a part of India. Dispassionate research shows that both these contentions are simply unhistorical and untrue.

It has been assumed that because Kashmir was geographically isolated, she was also historically secluded from the rest of the subcontinent, and that this created an insular people and a hermetically sealed culture that set it apart from the rest of India. In fact, however, when you look at every possible cultural marker diagnostic of identity and mobility across 2,000 formative years—texts, archaeology, script, linguistics, travellers' accounts, art and architecture, philosophy, religion, etc.—they overwhelmingly speak to a Kashmir that was far from isolated or unique. They point instead to a Kashmir that was astonishingly open, plural and cosmopolitan as a society.

> Kashmir was intensively connected and mutually involved with not only her neighbouring regions like Himachal and Punjab but with centres of Indic civilisation deep within the interiors of India ... For example, did you know that Kannada couture and coin-types were adopted in the Kashmiri court in the 11th century CE? What dynamism! A far cry from the exclusionist visage of the last few decades

Moreover, they establish that Kashmir was deeply Indic in her genesis, culture and composition: She was intensively connected and mutually involved with not only her neighbouring regions like Himachal and Punjab but with centres of Indic civilisation deep within the interiors of India like Patna, Nalanda, Gaya, Banaras, Allahabad, Mathura, Malwa, Saurashtra, Bengal till Karnataka, Kerala and Tamil Nadu in the far south!

To summarise, Kashmiris for over two millennia looked to these places for politics, trade, education, asylum, employment, art, religion, philosophy, fashion (!), and pilgrimage. For example, did you know Kashmir was a part of pan-Indian political formations from the very beginning, namely, the Mauryan empire c. 4th century BCE? And it was Emperor Asoka Maurya from Magadha (Bihar) who founded Srinagar as well as brought Buddhism to the Valley, which Kashmiris then took all over China and central Asia. Or, on a different plane, did you know that Kannada couture and coin-types were adopted in the Kashmiri court in the 11th century CE?! What dynamism! A far cry from the closed and exclusionist visage of the last few decades.

Equally significant, people from these other parts of India—long before west Asia!—are seen in all the historical sources migrating to and settling in Kashmir over centuries for the same reasons named above. So the question who is the Kashmiri acquires completely different dimensions when historical migrations from the rest of India are taken on board. And the second question that has to be asked in the face of all this historical evidence is: How did all this happen if Kashmir was never a part of India?! Yet so much blood has been spilt on precisely this piece of falsehood.

Given Kashmir's historical truths, some would argue that any artificial separation between Kashmir and the rest of the country is an anomalous departure from history. And the ending of that separation would appear to be not so much an undoing of Kashmiri identity as a restoration of it in all its historically upheld openness, pluralism and cosmopolitanism. What remains now, however, is for all Kashmiris to regain their right to complete peace and prosperity.

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ECONOMIC MEASURES AGAINST CHINA: A BIT TO CHEW ON

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The recent tensions between India and China has led New Delhi to introduce a slew of measures restricting Chinese investments into the country, including a ban on 59 Chinese apps such as TikTok, WeChat and CamScanner. Pertinently, the press release stated that the ban follows the available evidence suggesting that through these apps, China is engaged in activities that are "prejudicial to sovereignty and integrity of India, defence of India, security of state and public order". Earlier, in April, India issued an FDI notification stipulating heightened scrutiny for all inbound investments from neighbouring countries including China, with the objective of protecting its economy during the ongoing pandemic. Moreover, a Cabinet minister was quoted as saying that Chinese companies would be disallowed from participating in highway joint venture projects and investing in the MSME sector.

Do these measures breach India's international obligations to Chinese investors under the Bilateral Investment Treaty (BIT)?

India-China BIT status: The India-China BIT, dated 21 November 2006, came into force on 1 August 2007, mutually promising to protect and promote investments made by nationals of one state (Home State) into the other (Host State). However, this BIT was terminated on 3 October 2018 when India unilaterally repudiated it, seeking to renegotiate the terms based on the new 2015 Model BIT. With India and China not being able to agree upon a new treaty till date, investments after 3 October 2018 do not enjoy any BIT protection. However, by virtue of a 15-year sunset clause, the terminated BIT protects investments made prior to this date for a period of 15 years.

The investor protections under the BIT include the following:

(i) Fair and Equitable Treatment (Article 3): A promise to accord fair and equitable treatment to the Contracting Party's investment in its territory. This standard generally requires the state to treat the investors in a non-arbitrary manner. It also requires the state to provide a stable and transparent legal environment, while also respecting the legitimate expectations of the investor.

(ii) National Treatment and Most Favoured Nation Treatment (Article 4): A promise not to discriminate between the Contracting Party's investors and domestic investors in like circumstances, and the Contracting Party's investors and investors from other countries in like circumstances.

(iii) Right against Expropriation: A promise not to physically deprive the Contracting Party's investor of their investment or introduce any measure that would harm the value of the Contracting Party's investment. However, an action by the state with a public purpose is exempt from this rule, provided it is not discriminatory and effective; adequate and prompt compensation is paid to the investor, in such circumstances, to make good such expropriation.

The state's defences: Besides providing protections to investors, the treaty provides exceptions under which state measures would be precluded from liability. These exceptions are measures aimed at protecting essential security interests (ESI) or taken in circumstances of 'extreme emergency' (Article 14). The provision also requires that these measures are non-discriminatory and in accordance with the Host State's domestic laws applied in a reasonable manner.

> India has taken a slew of measures restricting Chinese investments into the country after the recent tensions. Do these measures breach India's international obligations to Chinese investors under the Bilateral Investment Treaty (BIT)?

For a state to use the defense of ESI under the BIT, it must demonstrate that (i) the threat perceived is legitimate; (ii) meets the threshold of "essential security"; and (iii) the measure has a necessary nexus to the security interests of the state. An analysis of whether a threat falls within the scope of "essential security" is often guided by the definition provided in the BIT itself. However, some BITs, like the India-China BIT, do not provide such a definition. In such cases, guidance is sought from explanations provided under Indian Law and international precedent, including ICJ decisions. International precedents vary, ranging from a limited interpretation by the ICJ in Nicaragua v. USA, which suggests the requirement of a significant military threat, to a more liberal interpretation by an arbitral tribunal in LG&E v. Argentina, which included economic threats as well. Some BITs incorporate a test of "necessity", which requires a causal link of the highest order to be established in order to avail of the defence. Such a test is not expressly set out in the India-China BIT and hence it is arguable that it is likely sufficient for India to establish a minimal causal link to show that its measures were taken 'for' the protections of an ESI rather than show that it was 'necessary' for the protection of an ESI. However, it is crucial for India to establish this causal link based on material evidence.

India can also raise customary international law defences like the 'Doctrine of Police Powers,' which precludes an expropriatory measure from being unlawful provided it was adopted in good faith to fulfil a legitimate public welfare objective. To do this, India must overcome the hurdle of establishing that the impugned measures are not discriminatory.

Conclusion: Practically, it is critical for the parties to carefully weigh the consequences of their actions and strength of their claims. Treaty arbitrations take substantial time and money and an award either way can be significantly disruptive. While conducting this analysis, it is helpful to bear in mind factors that a tribunal would weigh while adjudicating FET and expropriation claims, such as the transparency with which the measure was introduced; whether sufficient notice was provided to the investors; permanency of the measure; evidence corroborating the legitimacy of the objective and absence of alternative less restrictive options. It is difficult to predict an outcome as the material evidence likely to be relied upon is not available in public domain; however, it is crucial to flag the above relevant issues.

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MAILBAG

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End family dominance

This is with reference to *Rebels on notice, Gehlot goes for the kill* (July 16). Unless the dynastic dominance of the Nehru family comes to an end, the survival of the Congress cannot be guaranteed. It lost massively in two general elections. The Congress under the Sonia-Rahul duo no longer appeals to the electorate.

N Visveswaran, Chennai

Gehlot has done well

Kudos to Rajasthan CM Ashok Gehlot for his effective handling of the issue and turning the tables on his former deputy Sachin Pilot, who was hobnobbing with the BJP to destabilise the government. Pilot has to eat humble pie due to the stern handling of the matter by the Congress high command, quite uncharacteristic of the party.

N A Joseph, Ettumanoor

Recruitment agency for BJP

The old guards in the Congress are still not ready to understand the real situation. CM Gehlot can pat himself on the back claiming he has the required numbers. But how long will he be able to entertain MLAs in resorts? The Congress leadership can't allow the party to become a recruitment agency for the BJP. Notwithstanding the above, I think Pilot has taken the wrong decision. After all, he was the PCC President and also deputy CM at such a young age.

Mohan Menon, Thrissur

Covid rise in Kerala

The steady increase in Covid cases in Kerala is worrying. The authorities should spread awareness of the guidelines and also ensure that those who violate them are punished.

Ravi Mannethu, Pullad

No room for distancing

It has been extremely difficult to contain the pandemic in urban India since all our cities are overcrowded and there is no room for social distancing. The virus has exposed the vulnerabilities in our urban planning. Another major reason for the fast spread of the virus in metros is the unsanitary living conditions that a large section of the people face.

R Sivakumar, Chennai

God save the people

This is with reference to *Only God can save us, says Sriramulu* (July 16). Though we all only truly trust God to save us, it is appalling that the health minister seems to have openly expressed his inability to deal with the pandemic. God save the people of Karnataka.

R Sriramprasad, Bengaluru

Students can breathe easy

This is with reference to the editorial *U.S. universities win key battle for foreign students* (July 16). Students and their parents in India can breathe easy with the Trump administration dropping the draconian plan to expel immigrant students unless they were enrolled in courses not conducted online. Elite US universities went to court in support of foreign students, who form the bread and butter of teaching and research programmes in most universities.

Parthasarathy Mandadi, Tirupati

Universities to the rescue

The contribution of immigrant students to that nation's economy had to be factored in. But for the tenacious efforts of the top universities in the US, the order might not have been dropped.

K Jayanthi, Chennai

Changes in regulations

The author has fervently asked governments to *Beware of corruption in post-Covid times* (July 16). With calls for changes in regulations for 'ease of doing business' to help companies and attract FDI, the scope for corruption will increase.

K Nehru Patnaik, Visakhapatnam

Help Hyderabad hospital

This is with reference to *Nightmare at OGH* (July 16). Government authorities should immediately look into this matter. The 100 year-old Osmania General Hospital is already finding it tough under Covid pressure. The pathetic drainage system has put all patients, staff and visitors at greater risk. The Hyderabad hospital urgently needs a complete revamp.

Jitesh Mathur, Hyderabad

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LJP demands a high-level investigation in to the road-collapse incident in Bihar

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Shameful display of casteism in MP. It's not a mistake of children that they are born into a Dalit house.

Akhilesh Yadav @yadavakhilesh
UP govt should immediately announce compensation of ₹1-cr and a job to any corona warriors

Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot leaves from a hotel where Congress leaders and MLA are staying in Jaipur | PTI

Tribal party's MLAs to back Gehlot, conditions apply

Bharatiya Tribal Party had earlier asked its two MLAs to stay neutral

RAJESH ASNANI @ Jaipur

IN a relief for Rajasthan CM Ashok Gehlot, battling the fallout post Sachin Pilot episode, the Bharatiya Tribal Party is likely to support the Congress government in case of a floor test in the assembly. The BTP has only two MLAs in the 200-member Assembly.

BTP's national vice president Paresh Vasava pledged his party's conditional support to Gehlot. The party had earlier asked its two MLAs to stay neutral.

The fledgling BTP has a substantial following in the tribal belt of south Rajasthan which enabled it to win two seats in the last Assembly election in 2018.

Velaram Goghra, BTP's Rajasthan chief, said the party has been giving issue-based support to the Congress and that if the government meets its demands, it will be supporting it in case of a floor test. He said the party backed the Congress in the Rajya Sabha elections last month.

Goghra said the party's demands include implementation of the Maharashtra model for the development of tribal areas in Rajasthan. Under the model, funds for tribal development are given to a tribal commissioner instead of various departments. "We are accountable to our people. We need to have an understanding with the government to get benefits of various schemes for our people," he said.

BTP's two MLAs were among 101 legislators who had attended the Congress legislature party meeting at a Jaipur hotel on Tuesday. They later left the hotel saying they would take a call on support at an "appropriate" time.

Interestingly, video clips of Rajkumar Roat, a BTP MLA, surfaced on social media on Tuesday, claiming the police were harassing him. The video was circulated by the official WhatsApp group of Sachin Pilot.

Roat retracted on Wednesday, saying: "The incident was true, but it was a case of mistaken identity. They (police) did not recognise me. Both of us will abide by the party decision to support the Congress in the Assembly."

The Congress claims support of 109 MLAs; while the majority mark is 101. The BJP has 72 MLAs while the Pilot camp claims support of 22 MLAs, including three Independents.

'LAC disengagement to be long-drawn'

PUSHKAR BANAKAR AND MAYANK SINGH @ New Delhi

INDIA on Thursday reiterated its call for complete disengagement along the LAC and said there was a constant need for verification while resolving the stand-off.

"The two sides remain committed to the objective of complete disengagement. This process is intricate and requires constant verification," the Army said in a statement. Ministry of External Affairs spokesperson Anurag Srivastava said, "The disengagement is an ongoing process... There is absolutely no change with respect to India's position on the Line of Actual Control. We are fully committed to observing and respecting the LAC. Any unilateral attempts to change the status quo along the LAC are not acceptable."

Rajnath to visit LAC, LoC

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh is scheduled to visit the forward areas of the Line of Actual Control on July 18. He will be visiting the Line of Control before landing in Leh on the evening of July 17.

Indian and Chinese Corps Commanders held the fourth round of talks on July 14, where it was decided to move back troops in a stand-off position to a predefined distance from the present locations. "Full disengagement has been achieved from two points (Patrolling Points 14 and 15). Partial disengagement was carried out at Hot Springs and Pangong Tso. Disengagement in the remaining areas is expected in the coming days," an army officer said. However, the Depsang standoff still remains a sore point. The Chinese troops have entered the Y-Junction along with artillery and armoured forces. Troops from both sides remain deployed in depth areas.

The senior commanders reviewed the progress on implementation of the first phase of disengagement and discussed further steps to ensure it is completed.

However, officers say it is going to be a long-drawn process. "Rebuilding mutual trust after the June 15 incident will take time, therefore speedy disengagement may be difficult to achieve. More discussions at military level would be required to achieve complete disengagement," said an officer.

Meanwhile, Srivastava said the disengagement was currently underway in the western sector and is aimed at addressing face-off situations and close-up troop deployment along the LAC.

"Both sides have agreed at specific points to re-deploy towards their regular posts on their respective sides of the LAC," he said. On South China Sea, he said the region was a part of global commons and India had an abiding interest in peace and stability of the region.

"We firmly stand for the freedom of navigation and overflight and unimpeded lawful commerce in these international waterways, in accordance with international law, notably UNCLOS," he said.

'World knows our culture'

India on Thursday refused to comment on Nepali Prime Minister KP Sharma Oli's remarks on Lord Ram saying that the world was aware about India's culture. "The world knows about out culture and the Nepalese foreign ministry has clarified on the issue already," MEA spokesperson Anurag Srivastava said. The statement came in response to Oli's remarks that Ayodhya was in Nepal and Lord Ram was Nepali. In a statement, the nepal foreign ministry said, "The remarks made by the PM are not linked to any political subject and have no intention at all to hurt the feeling and sentiment of anyone."

IRAN SAYS NO CHABAHAR RAILWAY DEAL WITH INDIA

PUSHKAR BANAKAR @ New Delhi

IRAN on Thursday refuted reports that it had dropped India from the Chabahar-Zahedan railway project saying there was no deal inked even as India dismissed the reports as speculative.

A deputy with the Iran Ports and Maritime Organisation Farhad Montaser said that Iran has not inked any deal with India regarding the railway line. "Iran has only signed two agreements with Indians for investment in Chabahar: one is related to the port's machinery and equipment, and the second is related to India's investment to the tune of $150 million," he was quoted as saying.

Meanwhile, India said IRCON had been appointed to conduct the feasibility report for the railway line in collaboration with CDTIC. "IRCON has completed the site inspection and review of the feasibility report. Detailed discussions were thereafter held on other relevant aspects of the project, which had to take into account the financial challenges that Iran was facing. In December 2019, these issues were reviewed in detail at the 19th India-Iran Joint Commission Meeting in Tehran. The Iranian side was to nominate an authorized entity to finalize outstanding technical and financial issues. This is still awaited," Ministry of External Affairs spokesperson Anurag Srivastava said.

In 2018, the US had agreed to a waiver on Chabahar port projects under the Iran Freedom and Counter-Proliferation Act (IFCA). Iran's President Hassan Rouhani had described the port as a vital part of structuring Iran's economic future.

Follow-up bilateral cooperation was however impacted by policy changes on the Iranian side. In January, we were informed that in the immediate future, Iran would would like to involve India at a later stage

Anurag Srivastava, Ministry of External Affairs spokesperson

PM reviews implementation of Atmanirbhar booster package

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday reviewed the implementations of Centre's *Atmanirbhar* package announced earlier to boost the economy.

Over the video conference, with four dozens bureaucrats from ministries who are involved in the implementation of the package took part in the deliberations. The virtual conference has come in the backdrop of the PM in the recent past given presentations by the PM Economic Advisory Council, NITI Aayog and others on short and mid-term measures to boost the economy. It has been learnt that the immediate challenge before the Centre is to boost the demand in the economy, which has significantly contracted on the face of continuous phases of lockdowns followed by states.

The Prime Minister is also learnt to have reviewed the implementation of the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Rozgar Yojna, a focused ₹50,000 crore programme to engage the migrant workers in six states.

While the PM had earlier had talked of ₹20-lakh crore stimulus package for the economy, there's a sense among the experts that the government hasn't taken concrete steps to revive demands, with lockdown led disruptions badly affecting the income of the large section of the consumers. A number of RSS affiliates, including the Bharatiya Mazdoor Sangh (BMS), have been protesting against unpaid wages to workers in the unorganised sector.

At least 177 universities still undecided over final year exams

SUMI SUKANYA DUTTA @ New Delhi

WHILE a majority of universities have agreed to conduct or have already organised final year examinations, at least 177 universities across the country are yet to decide on the course of action in view of the Covid-19 pandemic despite instructions from the Centre to mandatorily conduct end-semester tests.

The latest data compiled by the University Grants Commission (UGC) and accessed by this newspaper shows that 454 universities have either conducted the examination or are planning to conduct the tests, 182 of which have already completed the process in either online or off-line mode.

In response to a status update asked by the regulator, 640—out of total 993 universities in India—have sent the details so far.

Another 234 universities are planning to conduct the examination in August or September while 38 are planning to conduct the tests as per the directions of the relevant statutory councils, the figures show.

A total of 177 universities, which have responded to the University Grants Commission direction, however wrote back saying that 177 Universities are yet to decide on the conduct of examination.

The data also shows that in the case of 27 private universities, which were established during the last one year, the first batch is yet to become eligible for final examination.

These numbers assume significance as the Centre's steadfastness on holding the final year examinations in universities has led to widespread criticism by many students' bodies, state governments and even prominent opposition leaders such as Rahul Gandhi.

Academic evaluation of students is a very important milestone in any education system. The performance in examinations gives confidence and satisfaction to the students and is a reflection of competence, performance and credibility that is necessary for global acceptability

HRD Ministry note

Many have expressed the apprehension that excessive reliance on online examinations could lead to diminished performance by students from marginalised backgrounds due to lack of access to high quality, and uninterrupted internet.

They also say that off-line examinations on the other hand may pose major health risk to lakhs of students if they are forced to come to examination centres.

Several states including Delhi, Odisha and Maharashtra have written to the Union Human Resources Development Ministry asking it to review its July 6 order though which made these exams mandatory.

"Academic evaluation of students is a very important milestone in any education system," a government note on July 6 had said. "The performance in examinations gives confidence and satisfaction to the students and is a reflection of competence, performance and credibility that is necessary for global acceptability."

The government however does not seem to be in a mood to budge. "As of now, we are very clear that final year results will be given based on examinations only," said an official in the higher education division of the ministry. "Also, as per the University Grants Commission act, states cannot direct even state universities to cancel examinations," he added.

RELAXATION

Air India now allows flyers to change names on tickets

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

AIR India issued a circular to allow domestic passengers having valid tickets for travel between March 15 and August 24, but flights were cancelled due to Covid-19 induced lockdown, to transfer them in other names.

It said, "The value of the existing ticket will be locked, and passengers will be allowed to get the ticket reissued for a new passenger nominated by him/her, allowing him freedom from the limitation of self-travel only for a future date."

Listing out the rules for the "name change" facility, the airlines said, "It will only be allowed for domestic travel tickets issued in India.

Leave without pay

Admitting that cost-cutting in Air India is necessary and equity infusion of ₹500-600 crore every year is not sustainable, Civil Aviation Minister Hardeep Singh Puri justified the national carrier's decision to send employees on leave without pay for up to five years. The AI employees associations have opposed to the decision.

COVID-19

Record 32,600 cases in a day, overall tally 9.6L

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

INDIA'S coronavirus tally reached 9,68,876 on Thursday morning with a record 32,695 cases reported in last 24 hours. The fatality count went up to 24,915 with 606 deaths reported in a day.

Of the total cases, 6,12,814 have been cured, while 3,31,146 are active. In the past 24 hours, 20,783 patients were declared cured, taking India's recovery rate to 63.25 per cent.

Maharashtra, the worst-affected state, has a total of 2,75,640 cases and 10,928 fatalities. Tamil Nadu has a tally of 1,51,820 cases and 2,167 deaths while Delhi has reported 1,16,993 cases and 3,487 deaths.

In a statement on Thursday, the Health Ministry said the actual case load has remained "limited and manageable" due to proactive containment measures. These include house-to-house survey, perimeter control activities, timely contact tracing and surveillance of containment zones, aggressive testing and timely diagnosis, and effective clinical management of the moderate and severe cases.

The ministry also underlined that from mid-June, there has been a steady increase in recovered patients. So far, 63.25 per cent patients have been cured. Simultaneously, there has been a dip in active cases, from around 45% in mid-June to around 34.18% as of now.

Health Minister Harsh Vardhanannounced that testing capacity will be increased to 10 lakh tests per day over next 12 weeks. As of now, about 3.25 lakh tests are being conducted daily.

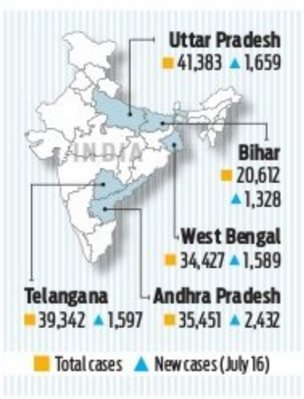
Centre wants 'surge states' to copy Delhi model to reduce virus cases

MANISH ANAND @ New Delhi

AS India lurches towards one million Covid-19 cases, the lack of uniform and standardised containment strategy is an emerging cause for concern. Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and West Bengal are reporting rise in cases while Maharashtra, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu continue to struggle. The Centre hopes the states would soon fine-tune their containment strategies.

"Panic is the principal foe in containing the pandemic. Trust must be instilled in people that the system will take care of them if they are infected. That was done in Delhi by ramping up testing and bed capacities," said a top official.

"The Delhi model must be replicated. The strategy must include isolating the super-spreader. While a surge is inevitable, we must aim at isolating the cases to lower the death rates," Shamika Ravi, former member of the PM-EAC (Economic Advisory Council) and health expert, told this newspaper.



Delhi, without resorting to lockdowns despite ominous projections made by Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia on June 9, is now reporting less than half the positive cases from the peak 3,947 cases reported on June 23.

On the directions of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah, multiple agencies were brought in to work on a common strategy worked out by health experts.

"What has worked in Delhi is testing – it has been scaled up by seven times. This along with creating over 30,000-bed capacities has instilled confidence among the people," said the senior official of NITI Aayog.

Ravi strongly recommends enlisting the civil society on the lines of Delhi. "It's not about a walking lion that will get you. Messaging is crucial and influencers must be roped in. The states have to deal with the issue of people hiding infections. Fears must be dispelled through communication," she said.

Ravi also stresses surveys to identify people with co-morbidities and elders as part of the district-level strategy.

EXPRESS READ

EC rolls back decision on postal ballot facility

New Delhi: Postal ballot facility for people above the age of 65 - allowed by the Election Commission earlier this month, will not be permitted and has been held back. The poll panel on Thursday said, "Commission decides not to extend the facility of postal ballot to electors above 65 years of age in General Assembly Elections in Bihar and by elections due in near future in view of constraints of logistics, manpower and safety protocols of Covid-19." The Commission had earlier recommended extension of postal ballot to people over the age of 65 years.

UTTARAKHAND

After two Nigerian students were beaten up in a Roorkee college, Uttarakhand police registered a case and started its probe. The duo alleged that the college staff threatened to deny them food and accommodation.

4 KILLED IN MUMBAI BUILDING COLLAPSE

Ahmedabad	34	27	Mumbai	27	25
Bhopal	32	23	Panaji	29	24
Jaipur	39	29	Patna	35	27
Amritsar	35	26	Lucknow	34	27
Chennai	33	25	Port Blair	30	24
Kolkata	33	27	Imphal	32	23
Srinagar	30	18	Chandigarh	33	28

Ram temple trust to meet on July 18

Former BSF DG KK Sharma may formally take over as security advisor to the temple trust

NAMITA BAJPAI @Lucknow

THE Centre-sponsored trust formed to facilitate the construction of a grand Ram temple in Ayodhya is likely to meet on July 18 and pave the way for the appointment of former director general of Border Security Force, KK Sharma, as security advisor of the Trust.

This will be the second meeting of the Shree Ram Janmabhoomi Teertha Kheshtra Trust after its formation on Feb 5. It had first met on Feb 19.

According to senior VHP leader and Trust general secretary Champat Rai, a formal announcement on Sharma's appointment will be made on July 18.

Sources said Sharma reached Ayodhya on Wednesday, adding former principal secretary to the PM and chairman of the Ram Temple Construction Committee, Nripendra Misra, had also reached the temple town the same day.

Sharma will be entrusted with drawing a blueprint for the security of the 70-acre Ram Janmabhoomi premises as it would be brought under a security blanket once the temple construction work formally begins. Sharma inspected the security of the Ram Janmabhoomi campus for more than an hour and interacted with security personnel.

Ayodhya Inspector General of Police Sanjeev Gupta and Senior Superintendent of Police Ashish Tewari also accompanied the former BSF boss to the site.

Sources said all members of the trust will reach Ayodhya a day before the meeting. However, senior lawyer K Parasaran, Shankaracharya Swami Vasudevanand Saraswati and Swami Vishwa Prasannathirthaji of Pejawar Math, Udupi, will attend the meeting via videoconferencing.

The proposed meeting is likely to decide the date for 'bhoomi pujan' to be performed ahead of the commencement of temple construction. According to the Trust, August 3 and 5 are auspicious days for the ceremony.

Saints and seers of Ayodhya have demanded that PM Modi attend the ceremony. The PM has already been extended an invite, which he is reported to have accepted.

The sources claimed that the temple trust may also propose some changes in the existing model of the proposed Ram temple. Vishwa Hindu Parishad had prepared this model during the Ram temple movement in the '80s-'90s.

Sources said Nripendra Misra had informally met the Trust members present in Ayodhya.

The designer of the temple model, Chandra Kant Sompura, is also likely to reach Ayodhya along with his son Nikhil Sompura to take part in the July 18 meeting.

Ex-BSF boss to prepare security apparatus

The former BSF DG will be entrusted with drawing a blueprint for the security of the 70-acre Ram Janmabhoomi premises as it would be brought under a security blanket once the temple construction work formally begins in Ayodhya.

The police brutality has drawn widespread condemnation | TWITTER

Magistrate to probe MP cops' brutality

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bhopal

THE Madhya Pradesh government ordered a magisterial inquiry to probe the police brutality with a Dalit couple and their kin in Guna district.

It has already removed the Guna collector and police superintendent as well as the IG of Gwalior Zone after videos of the police high-handedness went viral.

IG-AJK, IP Arjariya and DIG AK Pandey met Ramkumar Ahirwar and Savitri Bai and recorded the statements of the couple and their kin at a hospital. While Ramkumar is out of danger, Savitri is critical.

The couple had consumed pesticide on Tuesday when they failed to prevent a government team from crushing standing crop on a large tract of land, which the local administration claims is encroached by a powerful land mafia and rented to the Dalit family on payment of ₹3 lakh.

The policemen ruthlessly beat the couple when they resisted being taken in an ambulance to the hospital. When Ramkumar's brother and mother tried to save the couple, they too were beaten by the cops, who also abused and pushed away the helpless kids of the couple.

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> Farmer's mother

The land in question is allocated for opening a college.

Meanwhile, Gita Bai, the mother of the hospitalised farmer, alleged that doctors at the government hospital attempted to get the thumb impressions of the couple and their kin on a plain paper.

"We had requested the government team and police to give us two months to harvest the crop, but instead of listening to our requests they ran a JCB on the standing crop, forcing my son and daughter-in-law to consume pesticide," Gita said.

DELHI RIOTS

Deliberate inaction by cops: Minority panel

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE Delhi Minorities Commission has made scathing remarks against Delhi Police for its role in the northeast Delhi communal riots, suggesting that "the failure to prevent communal violence was not due to individual or sporadic breaches, but was a pattern of deliberate inaction over several days".

The panel's fact-finding report, released on Thursday, raised several questions on the role of police, saying "police officials were either mute spectators or, in some cases, even alleged participants". It has cited instances of policemen sexually harassing Muslim women and engaging in violence and abuse during the riots that broke out in February.

Narratives of women suggest police forces and violent mobs attacked anti-CAA-NRC protest sites, women were beaten up by male policemen and attacked by mobs, according to the report. "Police used the chants of 'azadi' to sexually harass women and attack them, including at least one incident of a police officer flashing his genitals in front of women protesters. The verbal abuses were also sexual and communal in nature. It is clear that the police did not come forward to help and, in several instances, resorted to violence towards women."

Chairperson of the DMC fact-finding committee MR Shamshad, in his introductory remarks in the report, claimed that "partisanship and bias of police and government led to abject failure of duty and of the law and order machinery".

CHARGE SHEET

No religion angle, Palghar lynching result of rumour: CID

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

RULING out religion angle in the Palghar lynching, Maharashtra Crime Investigation Department said the two monks and their driver fell victims to child lifting rumours at Gadchinchale village on the border of Maharashtra and Gujarat.

The CID filed two charge sheets — one running into 5,921 pages and another of 4,955 pages — in the court of Judicial Magistrate First Class (JMFC) at Dahanu taluka in Palghar district on Wednesday. As many as 808 suspects and 118 witnesses were examined to collect strong evidence against the accused, the CID said in a release. In all, 154 people were arrested and 11 juveniles detained. None of the accused has been released on bail so far, it added.

The charges of murder, common intention, attempts to murder besides relevant sections under the Disaster Management Act, Epidemic Diseases Act were slapped against the accused.

The three victims were waylaid and lynched by a mob on April 16 when they were travelling in a car to Surat, Gujarat for attending a funeral amid the coronavirus-induced lockdown.

Incidentally, an initial probe had brought to fore that fake messages were being spread through various social media platforms like WhatsApp for last 15 days that child kidnappers and organ harvesters were active in the region.

"The CID thoroughly investigated the case. Some of the political parties were trying to give it religious colour to this entire incident. Now, it has been proved that it was an episode which happened because of rumours," Maharashtra home minister Anil Deshmukh said.

TNIE had also reported that the tragedy occurred because rumours had circulated in the village that child-lifters were roaming in the area during the lockdown.

People stand near the washed away part of the approach road leading to the bridge in Gopalganj, Bihar on Thursday | PTI

POLL-BOUND BIHAR GETS BRIDGE TWIST

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @Patna

A portion of access path leading to a bridge across the river Gandak towards a 1.6 km long bridge caved-in at Bihar's Gopalganj district on Wednesday evening, snapping road connectivity between Saran and East Champaran.

According to Nand Kishore Yadav, minister of Bihar government's road construction department, the Sattarghat based main bridge that was inaugurated by CM Nitish Kumar on June 16, is safe but a portion of access-path of a nearby small bridge located about 2 km away towards Gopalganj, had caved in. "Both the main 1.6 km long Sattarghat Bridge and the small bridge of 18 meter length are safe without any damages to them."

Traffic would be restored soon, he added.

The minister accused Leader of Opposition Tejashwi Yadav of spreading false news of a bridge damaged just for political gains.

Meanwhile, an official source said that the access-path was built in a hurry to show the works completed without using solid materials like boulders that provide strength to the metaled road.

Tejashwi and LJP chief Chirag Paswan both demanded an independent probe into the incident. "Corruption rules the roost in the Nitish Kumar government's every departments. The company engaged in the construction of the road and the bridge must be blacklisted," Tejashwi said.

Similarly, Paswan also demanded a high-level investigation into the cave-in.

Later, BJP spokesperson Dr Nikhil Anand released a video showing the main bridge standing at its location. "The approach road of main bridge. The Opposition should not make such blunder and mislead the media as well people for political gains," he said in response to the allegations.

Five more die in Assam floods, toll now at 71

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @Guwahati

FIVE more people perished on Thursday as Assam continues to battle a devastating flood.

The deaths occurred in Lakhimpur (one), Barpeta (one), Goalpara (one) and Morigaon (two) districts. With these, the death toll rose to 71. Twenty-six others had lost their lives in landslides earlier.

According to the Assam State Disaster Management Authority, 39,79,563 people in 3,218 villages and localities across 27 districts are affected. Standing crop is affected in areas of 1,31,368 hectares.

The floodwater breached a number of river embankments and damaged bridges and roads across the state. Major rivers such as Brahmaputra, Dhansiri, Jia Bharali, Kopili, Beki and Kushiyara were flowing above the danger level. Authorities set up 748 relief camps in 24 districts where 49,313 people were taking shelter.

Varavara Rao tests Covid +ve, family says activist in pathetic condition

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Mumbai

POET-ACTIVIST **Varavara Rao** under trial in the Elgar Parishad case, has tested Covid-19 positive.

His swab check was conducted on July 14, after which he was admitted to JJ Hospital in Mumbai. The 81-year-old poet-activist had complained of dizziness and was shifted from the Taloja Central Jail.

Dr Ranjeet Mankeshwar, Dean of JJ Hospital, said Rao would be shifted to Saint George Hospital, assigned for Covid-19 patients.

Rao's case highlights the negligence of the state jail authorities, who have been repeatedly warned about the fragile condition of the activist as well as the danger of corona spread inside the jail.

The trial court handling the Elgar Parishad case had ignored the plea for bail on grounds of medical condition of the Hyderabad-based poet-writer.

The prison authorities had, after protests from civil society, put another Elgar case accused, Vernon Gonsalves, to look after him in jail, thus putting the caretaker's life at risk.

Rao's wife, his two daughters and nephew visited the activist in hospital on Wednesday, and later said he was in a pathetic condition with very little nursing aid available. "Rao stands a good chance if the Bombay High Court, hearing the matter on Friday, gives him bail on medical ground and he is shifted to a specialty hospital," said advocate Susan Abraham.

Jailed Teltumbde and Navlakha win Shakti Bhatt Book Prize

Activists Anand Teltumbde and Gautam Navlakha were awarded the 2020 Shakti Bhatt Prize for their body of work. The activists are imprisoned since 2018 for their alleged role in the Bhima Koregaon case. Teltumbde is the author of more than two dozen books, including Dalits: Past, Present and Future, Republic of Caste and Radical in Ambedkar. The award will be received by his wife Rama Teltumbde. Navlakha retired as an editorial consultant of the Economic & Political Weekly, and is a founding member of the People's Union for Democratic Rights. He is engaged in the areas of justice in conflict zones, workers' and peasants' rights, and persecution of political prisoners. Navlakha is also the author of Days and Nights in the Heartland of Rebellion. The Shakti Bhatt Prize recognises and celebrates literature from the South Asian subcontinent.

Hand pump will be fixed on complainant's chest: MP CM helpline response

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bhopal

A complaint to the MP Chief Minister Helpline about a defective hand pump left farmer Rahul Dixit shocked with the response from the Public Health and Engineering (PHE) Department a month later.

Dixit, a resident of Rahawali Behad village in Bhind district, had called on the CM Helpline on June 7 regarding the hand pump installed eight months ago. While he hoped a quick response, the complaint drew a shocking reply.

"Shikayatkarta paagal hai, isko mirgi ke daure padte hain, andsand vakta hai, iske poore parivar ko mirgi aati hai. Hand pump kharab nahi hai iska dimaag kharab hai, poori PHE mahakma jaanta hai mere hand pump mechanic ko is paagal nein kapde tak faad diya hai, ab waqt aa gaya hai ki chini yuddh kiya jaye jo guerrilla niti hai, hand pump ukhad ke shikayatkarta ki chhati mein gada jaayega. (The complainant and kin are mad and experience epileptic fits. It's not the hand pump, but the complainant's mind which is impaired. It's time to fight Chinese war and as per guerrilla war tactics, the hand pump will be uprooted and fixed on the complainant's chest)," says the response posted on the helpline portal.

The response has even caught the PHE department also by surprise. "Someone has done a mischief. The matter was reported to the Bhind district collector for probe," PHE executive engineer in Bhind district PK Goyal said.

Mayor polls deferred

The government has deferred the mayoral election of Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC). The election, scheduled on Thursday, was postponed after the reimposition of Covid lockdown. A government order extended the time limit of conducting the Mayoral elections by up to a maximum of three months. The post fell vacant on June 16 after the incumbent Mayor Junaid Mattu lost a vote of no-confidence. The no-confidence motion against Mattu was backed by BJP. Former Deputy Mayor Sheikh Imran, who himself was removed as Deputy Mayor in December last year in no-confidence motion, is the front runner for the post.

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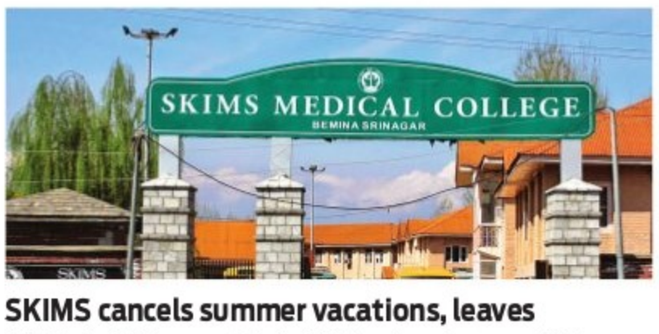
SRINAGAR DIARY

'Regularise daily wagers, temporary workers'

The Employees Joint Action Committee (EJAC) staged a protest in Srinagar to demand regularisation of daily wagers and other temporary workers employed in various government departments of Jammu and Kashmir. Owing to the outbreak of the Covid pandemic, only five EJAC leaders participated in the protest held outside the Civil Secretariat in Srinagar. The protestors highlighted the plight of the daily wagers and other temporary workers, who have been working in various departments for over 25 years on a meagre salary. The protestors alleged that previous governments have ignored the welfare of these workers. They should be regularised to end years of discrimination and provide them with an opportunity of decent and respectable living, the protestors said.

Covid-19: Govt restricts expenditure

The J&K government has asked to restrict the overall expenditure within 40% of Budget Estimates (BE) 2020-21 up to ending September. According to guidelines, expenditure on all non-salary heads of Revenue Budget shall be restricted up to 20% of the BE, the expenditure under Capex Budget in respect of on-going works and non-construction activities shall be restricted up to 40% of BE 2020-21 by ending September 2020 except in case of PW (R&B), Rural Development, Power Development and Jal Shakti Departments.



SKIMS cancels summer vacations, leaves

With the Covid-19 cases and deaths in Valley witnessing a surge, J&K's leading hospital Sher-e-Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences (SKIMS) has cancelled the summer vacations and leaves sanctioned to staff members. "It is communicated to all faculty and staff members of the SKIMS that in view of ongoing pandemic, all leaves of any kind sanctioned to the staff members except leave sanctioned on medical grounds/maternity leave shall stand cancelled," a statement by the hospital said. J&K has recorded 11,666 cases and 206 deaths till July 15.

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new claims for unemployment benefits in the US last week, barely changed from the week prior

GLOBAL WEATHER

LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	31	22	SNY	Los Angeles	24	15	SNY
Colombo	31	25	TDS	Melbourne	14	9	LR
Doha	42	30	SNY	Moscow	21	11	LR
Dubai	43	33	SNY	New York	28	21	LC
Houston	33	23	LC	Singapore	30	25	TDS
Istanbul	28	19	SNY	Toronto	26	16	TDS
London	25	15	LC	Washington DC	33	25	TDS

Vaccine hopes climb after encouraging trial results

Report says Oxford vaccine led to production of virus-killing T-cells

WASHINGTON

HOPES of an effective COVID-19 vaccine being developed in the near future have been raised after two separate studies showed potential positive results, British media reported Thursday.

A University of Oxford trial showed its prototype vaccine generated an immune response against the virus, the reports said.

Blood samples taken from a group of some 1,000 volunteers who were given the vaccine stimulated antibodies and "killer T-cells", according to the Daily Telegraph newspaper.

"I can tell you that we now know the Oxford vaccine covers both bases ' it produces both a T cell and an antibody response. It's the combination of these two that will hopefully keep people safe. So far, so good. It's an important moment. But we still have a long way to go," the source said.

Previous research has shown that T-cells can remain in the body for years and help fight viruses.

Results of the trial are expected to be published in *The Lancet* next week, Oxford said in a statement.

The potential development comes after US biotech firm Moderna said on Tuesday it would start the final stage of human trials for its vaccine candidate on July 27. It said it had had promising results from earlier testing. Up to 30,000 Americans are expected to take part in the trials.Moderna is considered to be in a leading position in the global race for a vaccine. Its study is set to run until October 2022 but preliminary results should be available before then.

The top US infectious diseases official, Anthony Fauci, has called the Moderna results "really quite good news".

The studies are the latest to inspire hopes of developing a vaccine after nearly 600,000 deaths and 13.4 millions cases worldwide since the outbreak began in China last year.

Meanwhile, a third group, BioNTech, a German company in partnership with Pfizer, plans to carry out its own trials on 30,00 people. *Agencies*

Russia tried to steal vaccine data: US & UK

WASHINGTON

BRITAIN, the United States and Canada accused Russian hackers on Thursday of trying to steal information from researchers seeking a coronavirus vaccine, warning scientists and pharmaceutical companies to be alert for suspicious activity.

Intelligence agencies in the three nations alleged that the hacking group APT29, also known as Cozy Bear and said to be part of the Russian intelligence service, is attacking academic and pharmaceutical research institutions involved in vaccine development.

"It is completely unacceptable that the Russian Intelligence Services are targeting those working to combat the coronavirus pandemic," British Foreign Secretary Dominic Raab said, accusing Moscow of pursuing "selfish interests with reckless behavior." *AP*

China firm tests vaccine on workers in 'sacrifice'

In this file photo, a staff member tests samples of a potential Covid-19 vaccine at a production plant of SinoPharm in Beijing | XINHUA VIA AP

BEIJING

In the global race to make a coronavirus vaccine, a state-owned Chinese company is boasting that its employees, including top executives, received experimental shots even before the government approved testing in people.

"Giving a helping hand in forging the sword of victory," reads an online post from SinoPharm with pictures of company leaders it says helped "pre-test" its vaccine.

Whether it's viewed as heroic sacrifice or a violation of international ethical norms, the claim underscores the enormous stakes as China competes with US and British companies to be the first with a vaccine to help end the pandemic — a feat that would be both a scientific and political triumph.

Both China and SinoPharm have invested heavily in a tried-and-true technology — an "inactivated" vaccine made by growing the whole virus in a lab and then killing it, which is how polio shots are made.

Leading Western competitors use newer, less proven technology to target the "spike" protein that coats the coronavirus.

SinoPharm's claim that 30 "special volunteers" rolled up their sleeves even before the company got permission for its initial human study raises ethical concerns among Western observers.

The company's post cites a "spirit of sacrifice" and shows seven men in suits and ties — a mix of scientists, businessmen and one Communist Party official with a background in military propaganda.

"The idea of people willing to sacrifice themselves ... is pretty much expected in China," said Yanzhong Huang, a global health expert at the Council on Foreign Relations, a US nonprofit. *AP*

A spate of incidents — explosions, fires and a gas leak — has plagued Iran since June 26. The most serious one has been a mysterious explosion and fire at the Natanz nuclear site. The incidents are marked on the map

Source for locations: The Economist, news reports

How Iran's nuclear programme may have been hobbled

A mysterious explosion and fire at Iran's main nuclear facility may have stopped Tehran from building advanced centrifuges, but it likely has not slowed the Islamic Republic in growing its ever-increasing stockpile of low-enriched uranium

Blast at the Natanz compound, Iran's main nuclear facility, which was earlier targeted by the Stuxnet computer virus

The explosion and fire, however, did not strike Natanz's underground centrifuge halls

That's where thousands of first-generation gas centrifuges still spin, enriching uranium up to 4.5% purity

July 2

WHO'S ATTACKING IRAN?

Iran has been careful not to directly blame the US or Israel, whose officials heavily hinted they had a hand in the fire. A direct accusation by Tehran would increase the pressure on Iran's Shiite theocracy to respond to the attack, something it apparently does not want to do yet

The explosion at Natanz was above all a blow to Iran's plans to move on to more advanced stages in its nuclear project. However, it will not prevent Iran's continued accumulation of enriched uranium, underway since Iran began its gradual violations of the nuclear agreement

Sima Shine, ex-Mossad, head of the Iran program at the Institute for National Security Studies in Israel

EXPRESS READ

World's top surgical-glove firm hit with sanctions

Kuala Lumpur: The US has banned the import of surgical gloves from two subsidiaries of Malaysia's Top Glove -- the world's biggest manufacturer of the product -- over forced labour concerns, despite soaring demand during the pandemic. Countries have been scrambling to stock up on protective gear, since the pandemic began. But Malaysia's Top Glove said the ban affects about half of its sales to the United States. Malaysia is the world's biggest supplier of rubber gloves but the industry has long faced allegations of mistreating its workforce, who are mainly low-paid migrants.

Twitter hijack signals danger

LONDON

THE hack at Twitter raises serious questions about in-house security at Donald Trump's favourite social media platform but, experts say, also threatens malign consequences for the integrity of November's US presidential election.

Here is what we know so far after hackers took over the Twitter accounts of an array of political and business leaders apparently as part of a bitcoin scam:

Twitter says it is still investigating but believes it fell victim to "a coordinated social engineering attack by people who successfully targeted some of our employees with access to internal systems and tools".

"Social engineering" describes fraudsters trying to manipulate their targets into divulging confidential information. Twitter's admission means that even IT-savvy staff at one of the world's best known internet companies are not immune.

Citing web screenshots and two anonymous sources apparently behind the hack, Vice reported that a Twitter insider was responsible. One of the sources told the media group they had paid the employee.

"That (Vice report) is deeply troubling as these platforms have such influence," said professor Alan Woodward, of the Centre for Cyber Security at the University of Surrey in Britain.

"It maybe suggests that no one person should be able to use these internal tools: it's more difficult to bribe four eyes than two," he told AFP. Twitter reacted quickly to deactivate the targeted accounts, delete the hoax messages and stop their onward transmission.

Support tanks, Trump fires campaign manager

WASHINGTON

US President Donald Trump shook up his campaign staff amid sinking poll numbers less than four months before the election, replacing campaign manager Brad Parscale with veteran GOP operative Bill Stepien.

Trump and Parscale's relationship had been increasingly strained, with the president annoyed by the publicity Parscale had garnered in the role. But the final straw appeared to be a Oklahoma rally last month that drew an unexpectedly low crowd of about 6,200 people after Parscale had bragged that over a million people had requested tickets. Trump was furious. The shakeup comes as Trump has been struggling in the campaign against Democratic nominee Joe Biden. *AP*

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POSSESSION NOTICE [Appendix IV) Rule 8(1)]

Whereas the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the Karnataka State Financial Corporation, Branch Office, Davangere under the SARFAESI Act 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated 17-01-2020 calling upon the Borrowers Smt. Roopa Suresh W/o Suresh.P. C/o V.G. Savithramma, Behind Anjaneya Flour Mill, Maratha Galli, Harihar, Davangere District and Sri.Suresh.P S/o Puttaswamy Flat No.303, 'B' Block, Team Royal Apartment, V.R.Layout, 1st Main, 1st Cross, 6th Block, Koramangala, Bengaluru Partners of M/s. Pro Studio, Door No.2857/12, 4th Main, 2nd Cross, Near Mama's Joint Road, MCC 'B' Block, Davangere and collateral security property owner / Personal Guarantor Smt. P. Kamala W/o N. Gopal, Door No.655, 14th Cross, 4th Main, B.H.E.L. Society Layout, R.R. Nagar, Bengaluru-560 098, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being Rs.73,59,959/- (Rupees Seventy three lakh fifty nine thousand nine hundred fifty nine only) within 60 (sixty) days from the date of the said notice. The above demand notice was duly served on 20-01-2020 and 23-01-2020.

The above Borrowers and collateral security property owner / personal guarantor having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower, collateral security property owner / Personal Guarantor and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 9 of the said Rules on this 13th day of July 2020.

The Borrowers, collateral security property owner / personal guarantor in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of KARNATAKA STATE FINANCIAL CORPORATION for an amount dues as on 10-01-2020 of Rs.73,59,959/- (Rupees Seventy three lakh fifty nine thousand nine hundred fifty nine only) and interest thereon and other debits.

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY :- All that piece and parcel of the property collateral security in the form of residential building bearing site No.655, Rajarajeshwari Town Muncipal Khata No.274/A, REMCO BHEL Layout, Pattanagere village, Kengeri Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, site measuring 30'X40' (1200 Sq.feets) standing in the name of personal guarantor Smt. P. Kamala W/o N. Gopal and bounded on the:

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TENDER NOTICE

Tender for rate contract and supply of Rabies Vaccinefor different healthcare facilities of state of Bihar for year 2020-2022

Notice Inviting Tender Ref No.:- BMSIC/DRUGS/20-07
(Only through E- Tender on website:-**www.eproc.bihar.gov.in**)

Bihar Medical Services and Infrastructure Corporation Limited (BMSICL) invitesE-Bids from the interested parties for **"Tender for rate contract and supply of Rabies Vaccinefor different healthcare facilities of state of Bihar for year 2020-2022"**, vide Notice Inviting Tender No.-BMSIC/DRUGS/20-07. Detailed tender document containing eligibility criteria, selection mechanism, other terms and conditions are available on the website www.eproc.bihar.gov.in.

Tender Schedule

Tender Reference No.	BMSIC/DRUGS/20-07
Date and time for downloading of bid document	31st July 2020from 10:00 Hrs. to 21st August 2020 till 1500 Hrs.
Date of Pre-Bid Meeting	05th August 2020 at 14:30 Hrs. in Conference hall BMSICL, 4th Floor, BSBCCL, Hospital Road, Shastri Nagar
Last date and time of submission of online bids	22nd August 2020 by 18:00 Hrs.
Last date and time for submission of original bid documents with EMD and Tender Fees	23rd August 2020 till 14:00 Hrs.
Date, Time and Place of opening of Technical Bid	23rd August 2020 (at 15:00 Hrs.) on the website of www.eproc.bihar.gov.in in the office of BMSICL
Date and time of opening of Financial Bids	To be announced later on www.bmsicl.gov.inand www.eproc.bihar.gov.in
Validity of Tender	180 Days
Cost of the tender document	Rs. 10000/- (Ten Thousand only) Non-refundable.
Bid Processing Fee	Rs 1180/-(One thousand one hundred eighty only) Non-refundable.

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NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Tender Enquiry No.: 1243/O&M/PC-2130 **Dated: 14.07.2020**
Short Description: Spares for A.C. Compressors Model JS64F-Q50B.
Quantity : As per NIT.
Last date & time for downloading of documents **17.08.2020** up to 11.30 AM.
Last date & time for receipt of e-tenders **17.08.2020** up to 11.30 AM.
Last date & time for opening of e-tenders **21.08.2020** at 12.00 Noon.
Tender Specification can only be downloaded from PSPCL website **https://eproc.punjab.gov.in.**
Details regarding E-Tendering is available on website **www.pspcl.in.**
Note: The prospective bidders are requested to get clarification from this office (Intending Officer : 96461 17731) and / or M/s GEPNIC contact number 0172-2970263, 0172-2970284, 0120-4001 002 in case any difficulty regarding upload of the tender well in time.All the prospective bidders are requested to get their digital signature well in time so as to submit tenders through e-tendering only.
Note : It is informed that in case the tender process is not completed due to any reason no corrigendum will be published in newspapers. Details regarding corrigendum may be seen on website **https://eproc.punjab.gov.in**

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Sl. No.	Name of the Work	Amount put to tender (Rs.) / EMD (Rs.)
1.	Providing and laying 300/230mm dia Sanitary pipeline to prevent the entry of sewage into open storm water drain at adjacent to Srirampura Aruna theatre coming under Bhashyam Park Service Station of AEE(NE-1) Sub Division. Indent No.5853, **Call-4, KW-1.**	10,27,420/- / 25,700/-
2.	Providing and laying of 300/230mm dia sanitary pipeline to prevent the entry of sewage into open storm water drain at 2nd Main, Vyalikaval near Chikkannaswamy temple coming under Malleswaram Service Station Indent No.5953. **Call-5, KW-1.**	4,72,560/- / 11,850/-
3.	Providing and laying of 225mm dia SW line at Shastrinagar, Muneshwara Block to avoid sewage entry to storm water drain by connecting to submain coming under Kumarapark Service Station of AEE(NE-2) Sub division. Indent No.6152. **Call-4, KW-1.**	4,55,267/- / 11,400/-
4.	Providing and laying of 225mm dia SW pipeline to provide sanitary connection facilities to 1st cross road, Muninagappa Layout coming under MR Palya Service Station of AEE(NE-3) Sub Division. Indent No.5845. **Call-5, KW-1.**	3,62,268/- / 9,100/-
5.	Providing, laying and linking 300 mm dia WS line to improve water supply facility to MM Layout, SH Layout, Chinnanna layout, Amhedkar Medical College and surrounding areas of Kavalbyrasandra coming under Manorayanapalva Service Station of AEE(NE-3) Sub Division. **KW-1.**	15,34,890/- / 38,400/-

Last date & time for Receipt of tenders will be on **24.07.2020 upto 4.00 pm.** and the date of opening of tender will be on **27.07.2020 after 3.00 pm**. Further details may be obtained from the above office & from website: **http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

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Aurobindo Pharma: Despite slowdown in ANDA approvals due to regulatory hurdles, ARBP delivered better-than-expected earnings on increased market share in existing products. It is seeing minimal impact on its business. The company also expects 5–8% YoY growth in the US, 5–10% in Europe, and 15–20% in the ARV business in FY21.

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EXPRESS READ

NEW GUIDELINES

RBI RELEASES FAIR PRACTICE CODE FOR ASSET RECONSTRUCTION COS

New Delhi: The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Thursday came up with a Fair Practices Code for asset reconstruction companies (ARC) advising ARCs to not resort to harassment of the debtor during loan recovery and ensure that the staff is adequately trained to deal with customers in an appropriate manner. The RBI also advised ARCs to follow transparent and non-discriminatory practices in the acquisition of assets and maintain arm's length distance in the pursuit of transparency. The invitation for participation in auctions shall be publicly solicited and the process should enable the participation of maximum possible prospective buyers.

AGR DUES

DOT WITHDRAWS ₹2.3 LAKH CR DEMAND NOTICES ON GAIL, OIL

New Delhi: The Centre's Department of Telecommunications (DoT) has withdrawn a demand of over ₹2.3 lakh crore it had made on state-owned gas utility GAIL India Ltd and explorer Oil India Ltd in past telecom dues, the company informed stock exchanges Following the October 24, 2019 order of the Supreme Court asking inclusion of non-telecom revenues for calculating statutory dues such as license fee and spectrum charges of telecom firms, the DoT had sought ₹1.83 lakh crore from GAIL and another ₹48,489 crore from OIL in past dues. GAIL said it has received a letter dated July 14 on the withdrawal of the demand.

MOBILITY

PRABHJEET SINGH APPOINTED UBER INDIA & SOUTH ASIA PRESIDENT

New Delhi: Ride hailing platform Uber on Thursday said it has elevated Prabhjeet Singh as President of India and South Asia operations. In his new role, Singh will oversee the next phase of growth in the company's mobility business and ensure safety of riders and drivers across India, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh, a statement said. His appointment is effective immediately, it added. Singh was previously serving as Director Operations (India and South Asia) and Head of Cities. Singh will be supported in his new role by a regional leadership team, including Joyjyoti Misra (Legal Affairs), Satinder Bindra (Comm) and Sanjay Gupta (Marketing).

MARKET WATCH

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GOLD
₹1.7 ▲ 24 carat (1 gm) ₹4,926.7 | ₹1.7 ▲ 22 carat (1 gm) ₹4,907

SILVER
₹660 ▲ Per kg ₹52,085 | ₹0.66 ▲ Per gm ₹52.85

FOREX
▼ Dollar 75.18 | ▼ Euro 85.92

Nabard-like agency likely for UCBs soon

Centre working on creating an 'umbrella organisation' for urban cooperative banks

ANURADHA SHUKLA @New Delhi

AFTER bringing all Urban Co-operative Banks (UCB) under the aegis of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), the Centre is now working on creating an 'umbrella organisation' for UCBs with an initial investment of ₹300 crore. This organisation will upgrade their technical infrastructure, provide liquidity support and train manpower to improve their efficiency and transparency.

According to the sources in the finance ministry, this umbrella organisation will be along the lines of NABARD (National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development).

"Upgrading UCBs is on top of the agenda. Now, since it is under the direct supervision of the RBI, there will be an umbrella body on the lines of NABARD which will look after capital requirement, upgrade IT infrastructure of UCBs and will streamline and train manpower and improve transparency and governance," a senior official from the finance ministry told TNIE, adding that this will prevent a situation like the one with the Punjab and Maharashtra Cooperative Bank in the future.

The project has already approved, sources add, and RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das had hinted at the same during his recent address at the 7th SBI Banking & Economics Conclave.

"In case of the UCBs, special efforts are being made to move towards a risk-based and pro-active supervisory approach to identify weaknesses in their operations early. An early warning system with a stress-testing framework has been formed for timely recognition of weak banks for appropriate action. Formation of an 'umbrella organization' has been approved to provide liquidity, capital, IT and capacity building support to UCBs," Das had said.

The Union Cabinet, on June 24, had given the nod to an ordinance bringing 1,482 urban cooperative banks and 58 multi-state cooperative banks, with over 86 million depositors and ₹4.84 lakh crore deposit, under the ambit of the RBI.

NSO's June CPI estimate 'understated': SBI report

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

THE National Statistical Office's (NSO) recently released estimate of consumer price index-based (CPI) inflation is "clearly understated", an SBI Ecowrap report released on Thursday said. CPI inflation is likely to be around 90 basis points higher than the NSO figure if the latest methodology is followed, it added.

The report says that due to the non-availability of data, the indices for sub-groups were imputed using last quoted price, scaled up by the relative increase in CPI. It added that this was a purely statistical exercise which distorts and even under-reports headline CPI.

The report's authors added that due to the lockdowns, the fixed basket on which inflation is calculated was "totally irrelevant" since many of those items, particularly in the services sector, are no longer available.

> **Based on our new weights, the actual headline inflation is much higher... Our June 2020 inflation is at 6.98 per cent, almost 90 bps higher than the imputed inflation of NSO**
>
> SBI Ecowrap report

The report cites economist Alberto Cavallo's methodology used to estimate headline CPI in 17 countries by constructing a 'COVID consumption basket' and uses this to estimate inflation. This came in higher than the NSO estimate, the SBI report said.

"We call this measure SBI Computed COVID CPI. Based on our new weights, the actual headline inflation is much higher... Our June 2020 inflation is at 6.98 per cent, almost 90 bps higher than... NSO," it said.

While releasing the data, the NSO had said that the imputation method was used after wide-ranging consultations with multilateral organisations like the IMF and several countries on how they were managing data flow challenges arising from the pandemic.

Realty sales hit their lowest level in a decade during the first half of 2020

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

HIT hard by the Covid-19 pandemic over the summer on top of an earlier slowdown in economic activity, the realty office segment in India's top eight cities have taken a battering.

According to property consultancy firm Knight Frank India, the fix six months of 2020 have seen the segment record the steepest fall in a decade-both in terms of transactions and completed projects. During the period, office space transactions declined by 37 per cent year-on-year to 1.6 mn sq m (17.2 mnsq ft), the lowest in the last 10 years.

Demand plummeted in key markets such as Pune (- 47 per cent), NCR (- 45 per cent), Bengaluru (- 42 per cent) and Hyderabad (- 43 per cent).

Residential sales in these top eight cities also registered a steep decline of 54 per cent to a decadal low of 59,538 units, with sales mostly concentrated in the first quarter. Sales in Q2, when the lockdown was at its peak, dropped 84 per cent to 9,632 units in Q2. NCR, Chennai and Hyderabad reported near-zero sales during this period. New home launches also plummeted by 90 per cent in Q2 to to 5,584 units.

Demand plummeted in key markets such as Pune, Bengaluru and Hyderabad | EXPRESS

Going forward, the consultancy firm does not see any revival in demand for both the commercial and housing realty sectors.

Shishir Baijal, Chairman and Managing Director, Knight Frank India said, "With the economic uncertainties creating significant headwinds, we expect the office space take up to remain cautious...For the office market, it will be a wait and watch till a more permanent solution to this pandemic is found."

OVERSIGHT

Bill for financial sector resolution agency soon

JAYANTA ROY CHOWDHURY @New Delhi

THE finance ministry is looking at bringing a financial sector development and resolution bill in the winter session of Parliament, which will, among other things, set up a financial sector resolution authority with wide ranging powers over banks, insurance firms and financial intermediaries.

The contentious part of the proposed bill outlined in a finance ministry note crafted earlier was that the new authority—which would be taking on part of the job now performed by the RBI—would have omnibus powers to "terminate contracts, write down debts, modify liabilities."

This was seen by many analysts as a bid to bring in a bail in clause similar to the one in the earlier Financial Resolution & Deposit Insurance Bill. The FRDI bill had been withdrawn a few years ago after a hue and cry was raised over the possibility of using this bail in clause to use ordinary bank depositors' money to resuscitate sick banks.

Officials said that they were in the process of redrafting sections of the bill. "We wish to assure depositors that their money will remain safe". Several bank collapses and near collapses, including Yes Bank, PMC Bank etc., have left depositors jittery and North Bloc is aware of the political sensitivities involved in pushing through clauses which could lead to more nervous tremors among bank customers.

However, the exact nature of the changes will have to await the finalisation of the draft bill. Failure to clarify omnibus clauses such as the above could raise a political storm with opposition parties attacking the government on the proposed bill.

Other clauses provide powers to the authority to amalgamate sick banks, insurers or financial firms, cancel part of their liabilities, or sell off assets. In the case of large financial companies like the IL&FS or large banks such as Yes Bank, considered 'significant financial entities', preemptive steps could be taken before they neared sickness. There would be defined triggers to bring a troubled entity before the resolution authority.

Officials said the bill and the setting up of the authority was "important as the economic downside may take time to correct and one impact which (they) fear is delinquencies among financial intermediaries, urban cooperative banks and firms in the niche lending space."

Earlier this week, former RBI Governor Raghuraman Rajan warned that the banking sector would likely to see an unprecedented increase in bad loan levels over the next six months. "The level of NPAs is going to be unprecedented in six months. we are in trouble and the sooner we recognise, the better it is," he said. Gross NPAs with 12 public sector banks whose fourth quarter results have been declared alone stand at ₹5.46 lakh crore.

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Hygiene space set to become core focus area for Godrej Consumer post-Covid

SESA SEN @ New Delhi

HOMEGROWN FMCG major Godrej Consumer Products Ltd (GCPL) is betting big on its range of hygiene products amidst the Covid-19 crisis and plans to build the category as its "new core" over the next three years. Under its hygiene brand Protekt, the company on Thursday introduced new products foraying into segments such as home, personal care and kitchen hygiene. Until now, it had been present only in the hand hygiene space.

"The pandemic has made people more conscious about hygiene more than ever and our purpose is to alleviate this concern in all possible ways. From just hand washing products, we have become a complete hygiene-suit," said Sunil Kataria, CEO, India and SAARC, GCPL. As a brand, Godrej Protekt aims to grow 7-8 times its size to become a ₹500 crore brand in the next three years, he added.

Sunil Kataria, CEO, SAARC, GCPL

The new range includes germ-protection dish wash liquid, air and surface disinfectant spray, soaps, fruit and vegetable wash, masks, and surface and skin anti-bacterial wipes. Designed for one-time use, it has also launched hand sanitiser in a sachet format at a price of ₹1.

"While the virus-led lockdown and the subsequent supply chain disruption saw push-back in some launches, we advanced the launch of the rest to meet the emerging need in the market. We are now seeing a huge change in consumers approaching hygiene as a category," he added.

Other companies have also made similar moves. "In the medium term, there will be prioritisation of health and hygiene to drive growth. In fact, the communication around soaps will shift from displaying beauty-related benefits to highlighting immunity and protection," said Abneesh Roy, EVP, Edelweiss Securities.

EDTECH

Vedantu raises $100 mn, doubles earlier valuation

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ONLINE tutoring platform Vedantu has raised $100 million (₹750 crore) from US-based investment firm Coatue, taking the former's valuation to $600 million-double the figure it achieved in its last funding round. Vedantu offers live interactive classes for students across grades K1 to 12 and the start-up now claims to be the second most valuable company in the Indian edtech space.

The pandemic has proved to be a boon for the edtech industry in India, attracting substantial capital investments from leading global and domestic investors. Rival Byju's has raised more than $400 million in 2020 alone at a valuation of $10 billion. Facebook-backed Unacademy has also raised more than $100 million this year. A majority of edtech platforms have seen a record surge in the number of monthly subscriptions.

According to Vedantu, it has recorded a growth of 220 per cent in its business during the lockdown, with more than two million students attending live classes and teachers delivering over eight million hours of lessons. "On top of adding new categories, we will use the funds to invest into content and technology to create the world's best live teaching-learning experience," Vamsi Krishna, CEO and co-founder, Vedantu said.

Business & Beyond

NTPC wins CII-ITC Sustainability Awards

NTPC Ltd has won the prestigious CII-ITC Sustainability Award 2019, the company said, under the Outstanding Accomplishment in Corporate Excellence Category. It has also received a Commendation for Significant Achievement in the category of CSR. NTPC always strives for sustainable development of its communities around the power stations, it said in a statement.

PPT commences EXIM service to reduce logistic cost for industries in Odisha

Paradip Port Trust (PPT) has commenced a EXIM service (freight) which will help reduce logistics costs for the industries in the state. Chairman of Paradip Port Trust Rinkesh Roy inaugurated the service on Saturday to export polymer products from Paradip refinery to Port Klang in Malaysia. On the occasion, Roy said that the service is currently a bi-monthly service, but will become weekly soon.

PNB's first Zonal Office in Odisha gets its chief

Ashwani Kumar assumed charge as Zonal Manager (ZM) of PNB's Bhubaneswar Zone. His responsibility will cover five circles and 371 branches spanning across the state of Odisha. Kumar has worked in various capabilities as CFO, head of Corporate Credit vertical and headed two large corporate branches of the bank. Earlier, Odisha state zone was administered by the zonal office in Kolkata. But, the merger with two other PSBs has resulted in the creation of a new Zonal Office and three new circles set up at Baleswar, Cuttack and Berhampur.

Rail Coach Factory Kapurthala launches new post-Covid coaches

Rail Coach Factory Kapurthala has rolled out four post-Covid coaches that have been manufactured for the first time in Indian Railways to fight the menace of the coronavirus. These coaches were rolled out in the presence of Ravinder Gupta, General Manager, and other officers and staff. The new coaches have several design improvements including hands free amenities such as a foot-operated water tap and soap dispensers on wash basins inside the coach and lavatories.

Roshan Abbas elected president of Event and Entertainment Management Association

The Event and Entertainment Management Association (EEMA) recently held its presidential election in which 166 of the total 169 members took part. Roshan Abbas was elected as president, receiving 116 of the 166 votes cast while his rivals were able to secure just 50. EEMA is an autonomous non-profit registered body of companies, institutions and professionals operating within the events and experiential marketing industry.

SAIL-ISP breaks despatch records in June

Despite the challenges posed by the pandemic, ISP Burnpur broke all its previous monthly despatch records in the month of June, making the highest ever monthly despatch of 2,20,269 tons. Earlier, in the month of January this year, ISP had recorded the earlier record highest despatch of 2,13,162 tons. In the export segment too, ISP broke its own record by exporting despatch to the tune of 1,04,595 tons in June, well above the previous best 75,525 tons recorded in December 2019.

RCF introduces new hand cleansing IPA Based Gel

Rashtriya Chemicals and Fertilizers (RCF) has introduced 'Hand Cleansing IPA Gel' which the company claims is a skin friendly moisturizer-based hand-gel containing Iso Propyl Alcohol (IPA), Aloe Vera extract, enriched with Vitamin-E and has a fresh lime fragrance. RCF has made it available in easy to carry non-spillable 50 ml and 100 ml bottles at ₹25 and ₹50 respectively. RCF proposes to market it through its country-wide network.

Domestic casualties in truncated calendar?

Plans to have only Ranji Trophy, Challenger for women and no junior events to be discussed in BCCI AC meet today

VENKATA KRISHNA B @Chennai

DELAYING the domestic season, reworking the Future Tours Programme (FTP) of the India men and women's teams, narrowing in on a window and venue for IPL and the matter of tax exemption for ICC events in India are some of the decisions to be taken at the BCCI's virtual Apex Council meeting on Friday.

While much attention will be on IPL, it is learnt that a decision on the tournament will be taken only next week, after the International Cricket Council's Board meeting on Monday. The FTP will see a few changes. There are chances that the five-Test series against England in February-March will be reduced to three, in order to accommodate more limited-over fixtures.

Unlike IPL, which BCCI is in no mood to scrap for the year, India's domestic events are set to take a hit. It is understood that the domestic season, which usually begins in late September, might start in mid-December unless the pandemic situation improves.

Mid-December means the BCCI has to cancel a few events. Duleep Trophy, Deodhar Trophy and Irani Cup are unlikely to find space. Priority will be Ranji Trophy. In the women's section, there are chances that only a Challenger Series (50-over games) will be held.

The BCCI has prepared a few scenarios with regards to Ranji Trophy, the only first-class tournament in a truncated calendar. A decision on the structure is likely in the coming weeks. A zone-based league before knockouts is favoured by many because it reduces travel. But there are certain cons with this when it comes to the Plate division, since the teams are scattered geographically.

Considering that officials are looking at mid-December to start Rani Trophy and IPL 2021 will be scheduled from March, time will be a problem for Vijay Hazare Trophy (50-over games). There are indications that this tournament will not be conducted this season. If time permits, the Syed Mushtaq Ali T20s will get preference, keeping in mind the 2021 T20 World Cup. Even that will be difficult unless Ranji Trophy matches are reduced. Age-group tournaments Cooch Behar Trophy (U-19) and Vijay Merchant Trophy (U-16) are unlikely, given the risk factor.

In the women's section, a 50-over Challenger Series may be held, as there is a World Cup in this format scheduled in February-March. The BCCI believes a tournament featuring around 45 players will be more useful than regular tournaments. Junior events are unlikely.

IN ATTENDANCE

Sourav Ganguly (president), Jay Shah (secretary), Arun Dhumal (treasurer), Jayesh George (joint-secretary), Prabhtej Singh Bhatia (nominated member) Alka Rehani Bharadwaj (CAG representative), Anshuman Gaekwad (player representative), Shantha Rangaswami (player representative).

GANGULY IN HOME QUARANTINE BCCI president Sourav Ganguly will attend the meeting while in home quarantine. Elder brother Snehasish, who has tested positive, is reportedly doing alright. Since they live in the same house, Sourav has gone into home quarantine.

World Cup tax thorn

Although the BCCI has time till December 31 to secure tax exemption for ICC events, there are indications that the government will agree only to partial relaxation. Since the ICC has said the 2021 T20 World Cup and 2023 50-over World Cup can be moved out of India if tax exemption is not granted, the BCCI is making alternative plans. BCCI could ask ICC to allow some in-stadia ads that don't clash with the global body's partners. If approved, the BCCI wants to use that money to compensate ICC for the taxes paid.

BUBBLE POPPED

England pacer Jofra Archer, who was named in the side's final 13, was dropped from the second Test after he broke bio-bubble protocols en route Manchester from Southampton. Here's a look at what transpired...

WHAT REALLY HAPPENED?

England's players were allowed to travel individually from Ageas Bowl to Emirates Old Trafford, with a pre-approved stop for lunch. Archer, it came to light on Wednesday night, stopped for one hour at his house at Brighton which wasn't on the schedule.

HOW DID ECB FIND OUT?

It appears all players and staff wear a tracking device "in their accreditation throughout the series, although these are only activated in the venues," according to ESPNCricinfo. So how they found out about Archer's indiscretion is not clear at the moment.

WHAT HAPPENS NOW?

Archer will self isolate for five days and undergo two tests for Covid-19. If both return negative, he could be in the squad for the third Test. If he tests positive, there could be further ramifications considering he that did take part in a net session as late as Wednesday.

I am extremely sorry. I have put not only myself, but the whole team and management in danger. I fully accept the consequences of my actions.

SIBLEY NOTCHES UP FIFTY

Dom Sibley notched up his second fifty of the series, helping England reach 127/3 in the post-tea session on Day 1. Sibley and Ben Stokes were unbeaten on 54 and 24. Roston Chase took 2/30.
Brief scores (Day 1, Post tea): England 127/3 in 55 ovs (Sibley 54 n.o; Chase 2/30) **vs West Indies.**

PAK SPINNER BHATTI -VE, TO JOIN SQUAD

Pakistan left-arm spinner Kashif Bhatti was allowed to join the squad in Worcester after testing negative twice. The 33-year-old had earlier tested positive after arriving with a third batch of players.

SHOOTERS WARY OF NATIONAL CAMP

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Chennai

THE National Rifle Association of India's (NRAI) decision to start the national camp for the 34-member Olympic core group from August 1 and make attendance compulsory has left some shooters anxious. The mandatory attendance that too within less than two weeks has made things complicated for shooters from hard-hit states like Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh.

The decision was taken at a meeting of NRAI's governing body. The camp will be organised at the Dr Karni Singh Shooting Range in Delhi. The shooters, however, have not recieved any official communication yet. Since the NRAI is de-recognised by sports ministry due to Delhi High Court order, it needs to be seen who intimates the shooters. "We don't have any problem with our shooters attending the camp. It's a good thing but again a lot of things including travel plans and Covid testing have to be done before undertaking the journey, which is risky," a coach, who is training three core group shooters at the Madhya Pradesh State Shooting Academy, told this daily on condition of the anonymity.

NRAI secretary Rajiv Bhatia confirmed to this daily that the shooters have to assemble by July 31 or August 1. "They can attend the camp straightaway without undergoing a mandatory quarantine period," Bhatia added. The association has appointed High-Performance Manager and former India shooter Ronak Pandit as the nodal officer in charge of overall coordination for hygiene and medical protocols of the camp.

"...utmost and most meticulous planning needs to be placed above all in the very strictest and most sterile conditions that we must now assure," NRAI president Raninder Singh was quoted as saying. "The health and safety of the players and coaches being paramount, we cannot afford any loose ends," he added.

The Manav Rachna University campus, which is an International Shooting Sport Federation training academy and located close to the range, will house the core group, coaches and support staff during the camp. NRAI would also arrange transport to and from the venue. The shooters will be required to submit a "valid and recent Covid-19 test result from their home locations and only then shall they be permitted to join the camp".

Anjum selling paintings to help needy in sports

CHENNAI: Indian shooter Anjum Moudgil has been parting ways with some of her paintings to help small-time workers from the sports fraternity who have borne the brunt of the pandemic. "During the lockdown, I painted some bigger art works. Now I'm selling them for Play for India," she said. She has been putting up her works on social media. "It's an initiative to help people from the sports community. People like helpers at stadiums and security guards." This is not the first time she has shown concern for people in need. At the start of the pandemic, the Chandigarh native had managed to raise funds for people from her state as well.

EXPRESS READ

Ramesh Tikaram dies of Covid-19

BENGALURU: Ramesh Tikaram, 2002 Arjuna awardee, took his last breath on Thursday evening in the city. The former para badminton player and coach died due to SARS-COV2 infection with multisystem organ failure. He was 51. He had been admitted to a private hospital late last month.

Vettel reportedly gets Aston Martin contract

BUDAPEST: Sebastian Vettel's future was the subject of intense speculation again after it was reported he has been offered a contract by Aston Martin for 2021. He has been told his services will not be required by Ferrari after this year and has admitted he is in talks with other teams.

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Corrigendum-3

Ref: TENDER NO: BARC/MYS/PO&M(U)/KMM/STP-1&2 O&M/2020/02 dt 09.04.2020

Name of the work: Operation and Maintenance of STP-1 (100 KLD) & STP-2 (25KLD) plant at BARC site, Mysuru.

With reference to the above tender, the sale period is revised upto **20.07.2020.** For further details refer the tender details available in https://www.tenderwizard.com/DAE.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer, BARC, Mysore

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(RAICHUR THERMAL POWER STATION)
CIN: U8511KA1970SGC001919

No. KPCL/2020-21/PS/WORK_INDENT 10059/CALL-2 Dated: 07.07.2020

ABSTRACT BID NOTIFICATION
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KPCL invites Bids in English through GoK e-procurement platform **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** from the qualified bidders for the work of **Design, engineering, manufacture, quality surveillance, testing at works, supply, transportation to site, storage at site, local intra-site transportation, erection, testing and commissioning, performance guarantee tests and handing over of One No. of VIP lift of 680Kgs/ 10 Passengers capacity of Unit-4 and One No. of Freight lift of 1500Kgs capacity of Unit - 5 & 6 including dismantling and Buyback of existing lifts, civil and electrical works, certification etc., at RTPS,** Those who have not registered in e-procurement portal **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** may do so in order to participate in the bid. The details of NIT can be seen on KPCL website: **www.karnatakapower.com** and Tender documents may be downloaded from **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** under login for Contractors. Further details can be had from the office of the **Chief Engineer (Thermal Designs),** KPCL, No. 3, 2nd Floor, Green Building, (Drugs Control Department Premises), Palace Road, Bengaluru -560001. Mob: 94803 08360 **(Asst. Executive Engineer (Ele-4)).**
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KPTCL invites tender on Electronic mode for the following works on **Partial / Total Turnkey basis.**

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The tenders will be received through e-procurement portal only. The details regarding participation in the e-procurement process can be obtained by logging on to KPTCL web site **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** on hyperlink "e-Procurement-KPTCL" or to **http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **11:00 Hrs.** on **17.07.2020.** Any other details can be had from the office of the under signed during office hours.

Sd/- **Chief Engineer, Electricity, Transmission Zone, KPTCL, Bagalkot. Ph: 08354-235692, Fax: 08354-235690.**

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1	ಇ-ಟೆಂಡರ್ ದಸ್ತಾವೇಜನ್ನು ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸಲು (Access to E-Tender) ಲಭ್ಯತೆ.	ದಿನಾಂಕ 17.07.2020 ರಿಂದ 14.09.2020 ರ ಸಂಜೆ 04.00 ಘಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ
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6	ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ/ವಾಣಿಜ್ಯ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ಸ್ಥಳ	ಮಂಡಲಿ ಸಭಾಂಗಣ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಸಹಕಾರ ಹಾಲು ಒಕ್ಕೂಟ ನಿ., ಡಾ:ಎಂ.ಹೆಚ್.ಮರೀಗೌಡ ರಸ್ತೆ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು- 560 029.

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SOUTHERN RAILWAY
Madurai Division (Medical Department)
Tender Notice No. MED-CCC-MDU-08-2020

Additional Chief Medical Superintendent / IC / Madurai acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites the following E-Tenders. Closing Date/Time **07.08.2020 11.00 hrs.** Bidders will be able to submit their original / revised bids upto closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. Contractors are allowed to make payments against this tender towards tender document cost and earnest money only through payment modes available on IREPS portal like net banking, debit card, credit card etc. Manual payments through Demand draft, Banker cheque, Deposit receipts, FDR etc., are not allowed.

Description: **Comprehensive cleaning contract at Madurai Junction for a period of two years (2020-2022)**	
Approximate Value of two years	₹ 3,48,80,070/-
Cost of tender form	₹ 11,200/-
Earnest Money Deposit	₹ 3,24,400/-
Period of Completion in days	730 days
Tender Closing Date and Time	7.08.2020 @ 11.00 Hrs.

The necessary corrigendum will be available in the website if it is given later.
Additional Chief Medical Superintendent / IC
Railway Hospital, Madurai-625 016

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GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
Zilla Panchayath, Ballari.
Office of Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Division, Harapanahalli.
No.: EE/RDWS&SD/H.Halli/Empanelment/Tender/2020-21/234 **Dated:15-07-2020**

Short Term E tender Notification No.03/2020-21
(KTTP Act 2000)

On behalf of the Governer of Karnataka, Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Division, Harapanahalli hereby calls the tender **for Empanelment of Agency to Provide Functional Household Tap Connections (FHTC's) in Harapanahalli, Hoovinahadagali, Hagaribommanahalli and Kudligi Taluk in Ballari District.** Services for implementation of Rural Drinking Water Supply Projects through eprocurement. The information regarding tenders will be made available in (www. eproc.karnataka.gov.in) website. The last date to receive the tender from eligible bidders is at 4.00pm on 03-08-2020. For further more information contact above said Office.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
RDW & S Division, Harapanahalli.
DIPR/Ballari/56/MCA/2020-21

DIESEL LOCOMOTIVE WORKS, VARANASI - 221004

Bid No. E-21/2020-2021 **E-TENDERS** **Dated : 08.07.2020**

E-Tenders are invited for & on behalf of the President of India for the supply of following items. Only e-offer will be accepted for which vendors must have Class III Digital Signature and registration on IREPS. The details of tenders are in the following sequence :- S. No. - Tender No. (Due Date), Description and Quantity. **(1)** 03201555 (04.08.2020), Cab Assly, PL No. 29170953, 40 Set **(2)** 03201598, (04.08.2020), Component of General Arrgt, PL No. 29470092, 40 Set. **(3)** 03201554, (04.08.2020), Central Underframe Assly, PL No.29120305, 57 Set **(4)** 03201553 (04.08.2020), Kit for bolster Assly, PL No.29100471, 63 Set. **(5)** 03201600, (04.08.2020), Side wall Assly, PL No.29170930, 47 Set **(6)** 03201354, (31.07.2020), Set of other hoses, PL No.29611519, 248 Set **(7)** 03201315, (31.07.2020), Tube Cu, PL No. 29170333, 1380 Metre **(8)** 03201550A, (04.08.2020), Al. Sheets & plates to PL No. 29400107, 250 Set. **(9)** 03200004, (06.08.2020), Al. Perforated Sheet, PL No.29175367, 258 Set **(10)** 03201467, (24.08.2020), Set of Rubber Items, PL No.29250134, 243 Set. **(11)** 03201316, (28.08.2020), Sealling Rubbers, PL No.29250559, 234 Set **(12)** 03201196A, (28.08.2020), Set of Pipe Saddle, PL No.29210549, 198 Set **(13)** 04201030, (05.08.2020), Ducting Assly, Part No. 29470067, 333 Set. **(14)** 04201122, (17.08.2020), Safety Sling for TM, Part No.29140201, 261 Set **(15)** 04201391, (18.08.2020), St. Steel Louvre Part No.29170205, 336 Set **Note:** For Complete details of EMD and downloading of tender documents and Hindi Version also available at website **www.dlw.indianrailways.gov.in** and **www.ireps.gov.in. Corrigendum No Date :** 10.07.2020 **S.N. 1 Tender No.:** 05205194 **Bid No.:** E-11 **Rev.: 01 Existing Due Date :** 13.07.2020 **Revised Due Date :** 20.07.2020 All other terms & condition shall remain unchanged. **Corrigendum No Date :** 08.07.2020 **S.N. 1 Tender No.:** 05205188 **Bid No.:** E-07 **Rev.: 01 Existing Due Date :** 08.07.2020 **Revised Due Date :** 30.07.2020 All other terms & condition shall remain unchanged. **Corrigendum No Date :** 10.07.2020 **S.N. 1 Tender No.:** 05201691 **Bid Inv. No.: 11 Existing Due Date :** 10.07.2020 **Revised Due Date :** 27.07.2020 **Existing Description :** 3M 150G PSA Gold sanding Disc. **Revised Description:** P150 Grit PSA Gold Sanding Disc. All other terms & condition remain unchanged.
P.R.O/DLW/S-25 **On the behalf of PCMM**
/ diesellocoworks "Website :- www.dlw.indianrailways.gov.in"

BANGALORE WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE BOARD
Office of the Executive Engineer, Quality Assurance Division
1st Floor, Suvarna Bhavan, 18th Cross, Malleshwaram, Bangalore-55

IFT No.BWSSB/EQATE/JE/05-2020/346/2020-21 Date : 14-07-2020

INVITATION FOR TENDER
(ONLY THROUGH E-PROCUREMENT PORTAL)

BWSSB invites tenders from eligible registered tenderers for the work of installation of scrubbing and safety arrangement at the time of chlorine leakage at the existing 41 chlorine plants.

Amount put to tender : Rs.49.025 Lakhs, **EMD :** Rs.98,050/-

Last date and time for Receipt of Tenders will be on : 18.08.2020 up to 4.00 PM. and the date of opening of Tender will be on : 20.08.2020 at 3.30 PM. Further details regarding the tender can be obtained by logging onto **https//eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/-
Executive Engineer (Quality Assurance)

KARNATAKA STATE POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD
49, Parisara Bhavana, Church Street, Bengaluru- 560 001
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Email : ho@kspcb.gov.in Website : www.kspcb.gov.in

No: PCB/167/17cat/EPH-HPI/2019-2020/1201 DATE: 14.07.2020

ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING NOTIFICATION

M/s. Wohler Laboratories Pvt Ltd., Located at Plot No. 123, 124, 125 and 142, Kolhar Industrial Area, Bidar Taluk and Bidar District, Karnataka State has proposed change in products mix for manufacture of Bulk Drugs & Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients in the existing unit.

As Per Environment Impact Assessment Notification dated: 14.09.2006 and Amendment dated: 01.12.2009, the project has to obtain Environmental Clearance from MoEF, Government of India and is required to go through Environmental Public Hearing. As per the Terms of Reference issued State Environment Impact Assessment-Karnataka in letter No.SEIAA 31 IND (VOIL)2018 dated: 01.10.2019 and request letter of the Industry dated: 18.10.2019, the Environmental Public Hearing is being conducted by the board.

The details of the project are as follows:

1.	**Name of the Industry & Address: M/s. Wohler Laboratories Pvt Ltd.,** Plot No.123, 124, 125 and 142, Kolhar Industrial Area, Bidar Taluk and Bidar District, Karnataka State.	
2.	**Location of the Proposed Activity:** Plot No. 123, 124, 125 and 142 , Kolhar Industrial Area, Bidar Taluk and Bidar District, Karnataka State.	
3.	**Details of Activity Proposed:** Change in Products Mix for manufacture of Bulk Drugs & Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients in the existing unit.	
4.	**Date, time and venue of public hearing:** 18.08.2020 (Tuesday) at 11:00 AM at **M/s. Wohler Laboratories Pvt Ltd.,** Plot No.123, 124, 125 and 142, Kolhar Industrial Area, Bidar Taluk and Bidar District, Karnataka State.	
5.	Places of availability of project documents as per EIA Notification, which is kept open to public are:	(a) Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Bidar District, Bidar. (b) Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Panchayat, Bidar. District (c) District Industries Centre, Bidar. (d) Office of the Regional Officer, Regional Office- Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Bidar. (e) Village Panchayat- Kolhar (k) (f) Office of the Ministry of Environment, Forest, South Zone Office, E-3/240, Kendriya Sadan, 4th Floor, E&F Wings, 17th Main Road, 2nd Block, Koramangala, Bengaluru – 560 034. (g) HELP DESK, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Ground Floor, No.49, Parisara Bhavan, Church Street, Bengaluru – 560 001.

NOTE: Suggestions, views, comments and objections of interested bonafide residents, environmental groups and others located at project site and likely to be affected by the proposed project are invited within 30 days from the date of publication of this Notification. They can also make oral/written/E-Mail suggestions to the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board/Chairman, Environmental Public Hearing Committee (Deputy Commissioner, Bidar, Bidar District). Interested public can participate in the Environmental Public Hearing at the above place. For details please visit our Website: **http://kspcb.gov.in.**

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Member Secretary

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TikTok has been fined $1,55,000 for mishandling children's data in South Korea by the Korea Communications Commission. The regulators found that the app collected data of children under the age of 14 without consent from their legal guardians, *Gizmochina* reported.

EXFILE

Climate change makes Siberian heat 600 times likelier

A heatwave in Siberia that saw temperature records tumble as the region sweltered in 38ºC highs was "almost impossible" without the influence of manmade climate change, a new flash study says. Scientists found that the greenhouse effect multiplied the chance of the region's prolonged heat by at least 600 times. We take a look

MERCURY LEVELS UP

METHODOLOGY

1 As part of a growing area of climate research known as attribution science, the team ran computer simulations of temperatures with the climate as it is today — around 1ºC hotter than the pre-Industrial era baseline

2 They then compared this to a model generating temperatures over Siberia this year without human influence — that is, without the additional manmade 1ºC

FINDINGS

The team of international scientists found that without climate change the type of prolonged heat that hit Siberia would happen once in **80,000 years**, effectively impossible without human influence

They also found that the record-breaking warm period was more than 2ºC hotter than it would have been if humans had not warmed the planet

RUSSIA BURNING AND MELTING

1.15 mn hectares of forest are going up in flames releasing millions of tonnes of CO_2 into the atmosphere

At the same time, the wildfires and sustained heatwaves accelerated the region's permafrost melt

This caused an oil tank built on frozen soil to collapse in May, leading to one of the region's worst-ever oil spills

5,000 people are working to put off 197 fires across Russia in an area of over 40,000 hectares

HOTTEST YEAR ON RECORD

The five hottest years in history have occurred in the last five years and there's a better-than-even chance that 2020 will be the hottest ever recorded

NOT YET PUBLISHED

- This study, coordinated by World Weather Attribution, was done in two weeks and hasn't yet been put through the microscope of peer review and published in a major scientific journal
- World Weather Attribution's past work has found some weather extremes were not triggered by climate change, but 2020's Siberian heat wave stood out among the many studied

5ºC HOTTER

Earth's poles are warming faster than the rest of the planet, and temperatures in Siberia — home to much of the world's carbon-rich permafrost — were more than 5ºC hotter than average between January and June

3 immune responses in virus patients

Study aims to predict immune patterns to aid development of therapeutics against Covid-19

NEW FINDINGS

WASHINGTON: Researchers studying immune responses of 125 hospitalised Covid-19 patients have identified three distinct immune profiles or "immunotypes", and showed how these were linked to disease severity, an advance which may aid in the development of novel therapeutics against the disease. According to the study, published in *Science,* whether there is a common profile of immune dysfunction in critically ill Covid-19 patients remains unknown.

"By localising patients on an immune topology map, we can begin to infer which types of therapeutic interventions may be most useful in specific patients," said the scientists, including Divij Mathew from the University of Pennsylvania.

To date, the researchers said studies investigating this are limited, reporting on single patients or small cohorts. They said as the global pandemic continues, scientists worldwide continue to investigate the characteristics of the human immune response in fighting it.

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Divij Mathew, University of Pennsylvania

Seeking to expand on findings reported so far, and also to better connect immune features in Covid-19 patients with clinical features of disease, Mathew and his colleagues assessed the cells of the immune system in 125 Covid-19 patients at two points during their first week of hospitalisation.

The researchers said they used a method called flow cytometry, which is a technique used to detect and measure physical and chemical characteristics of a population of cells, to assess the patient immune cells.

Combining the flow cytometric and clinical data, the study reported several key findings, including that a defining feature of Covid-19 disease in this group is variability in their own immune response.

It also noted that certain stable immune response signatures in subsets of their patients, which changed over time in consistent ways. According to the researchers, some of these patterns, like impaired activation of a part of the immune system called the CD8 T cells, were associated with worse disease outcomes.

The scientists defined three of these immune response signatures or immunotypes, associated in the patients with poor clinical trajectories versus improving health.

The first immunotype had robust CD4+ T cell activity, with modest activation of CD8+ T cells and peripheral blood lymphocytes. CD4+ and CD8+ act as the main inflammatory immune cells that work to clear viruses.

The second immunotype was characterised mainly by a subset of CD8+ T cells known as EM and EMRA and a modest activation of CD8+ T cells, memory B cells, and peripheral blood lymphocytes.

The third immunotype showed little to no evidence of an immune response to the infection. "These immunotypes may reflect fundamental differences in the ways patients respond to SARS-CoV2 infection," they said.

Disaster in the making if oil tanker ruptures

OIL SPILL RISK

UNITED NATIONS: The United Nations held an unusual session on Wednesday to express fears of "catastrophe" if a decaying oil tanker abandoned off Yemen's coast with 1.1 million barrels of crude on board ruptures into the Red Sea.

A breach of the 45-year-old FSO Safer, anchored off the port of Hodeida, would have disastrous results for marine life and tens of thousands of impoverished people who depend on fishing for their livelihood.

The UN Security Council said it had sent details of a plan for an inspection team to conduct light repairs and determine the next steps to the Iran-backed Huthi rebels, who control Hodeida, on Tuesday.

On Sunday, the UN said the Huthis had agreed in principle to the assessment. But they did the same in the summer of 2019, only to cancel a UN mission from Djibouti at the last minute.

The tanker's "condition is deteriorating daily, increasing the potential for an oil spill.

DOUBLE DELIVERY

Twin red-ruffed lemurs were born at Singapore zoo, officials said on Thursday, The rare double delivery was the first birth at the zoo of endangered saucer-eyed primates that are native to Madagascar. The picture above shows one of the twins (left) with its mother named Minnie (right) at an enclosure at Singapore Zoo | AFP

TMT WON'T START IN 2020

HAWAII TELESCOPE

Scientists planning to build one of the world's largest telescopes on a Hawaii mountain on Wednesday said construction won't begin until at least next year. TMT International Observatory Vice President Gordon Squires told *Hawaii News Now* that the coronavirus pandemic presents a complicated and unsafe situation for moving ahead. "With the pandemic and other factors that have come in, winter seems like a long ways away, but it's not that far away and for us to resume construction activities on site, winter on Mauna Kea just isn't feasible," Squires told the TV station. However, he said the consortium behind the $2.4 billion project remains committed to Hawaii.

GMAIL BRINGS NEW CHANGES

San Francisco: Google has announced a major overhaul for Gmail that will expand the service beyond emails and become a productivity hub for workplace. The new design shows four tabs at the bottom of a user's screen: Mail, Chat, Meet for video calling and Rooms, CNET reported on Wednesday. Gmail currently has more than 1 billion users. Gmail over the last couple of months has added a couple of new features to its Gmail app for iOS, including support for Siri shortcuts when sending emails, and adding attachments to emails from the iOS files app.

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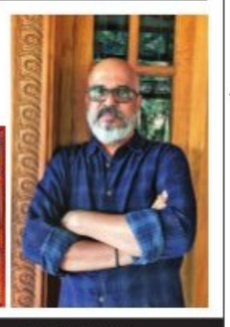

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Solar Orbiter's images reveal miniature flares on the Sun

DETAILED VIEW

PARIS: Scientists on Thursday said they had obtained the closest ever images taken of the Sun as part of a pan-European mission to study solar winds and flares that could have far-reaching impacts back on Earth.

The European Space Agency's Solar Orbiter blasted off from Florida's Cape Canaveral in February and completed its first fly by of our star last month, sending back unprecedented images of phenomena close to its surface.

"The first images are exceeding our expectations," said Daniel Muller, Solar Orbiter project scientist at ESA.

"We can already see hints of very interesting phenomena that we have not been able to observe in detail before.

In particular, the team observed dozens of miniature solar flares, known as "campfires", which until now had never been captured on film.

David Berghmans, from Belgium's Royal Observatory, said the campfires were several million times smaller than solar flares, which can be observed from Earth.

"The Sun seems relatively calm on first viewing but when you look at it in detail you can see miniature eruptions everywhere," he said.

Solar winds and flares emit billions of highly charged particles that impact planets, including Earth. But the phenomena remain poorly understood despite decades of research.

Equipped to withstand temperatures as high as 500 degrees Celsius, the Solar Orbiterwill eventually travel as close as 40 million kilometres from the surface.

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